

RESOLUTION NO. 041-2025(MSES), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for grants under Ohio's Urban Forestry Grant Program through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and to accept funding if awarded; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, is accepting proposals from local governments for projects intended to substantially invest in the long-term growth and development of local urban and community forestry programs; and

WHEREAS, the City has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the City's best interest to pursue funding that will support the maintenance, expansion, and improvement of these green resources, and;

WHEREAS, there is funding available for such purpose under the Inflation Reduction Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to apply for grants under Ohio's Urban Forestry Grant Program through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, and enter into an agreement and execute any related documents to accept funding if awarded.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to meet the application deadline of April 1, 2025. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage;

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otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



TONY CUD
President of Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED: March 17, 2025

Presented to Mayor: 03/20/2025

Approved: 03/20/2025



KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor