

RESOLUTION NO. 048-2025(PD), *First
Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an extension of an agreement with Millennium Strategies LLC for continued grant writing services; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, in addition to its own municipal budgeting, the City of Cleveland Heights (the "City") seeks and applies for grant and other funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, grant writing requires specific technical expertise; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the City contracted with Millennium Strategies LLC ("Millennium") to assist in grant research and writing for a one- (1-) year period; and

WHEREAS, the City has extended and renewed the contract with Millennium in 2022, 2023, and 2024; and

WHEREAS, Millennium has successfully provided services to the City, resulting in significant grant funding in diverse areas; and

WHEREAS, Council approved a three- (3-) month extension of the 2024 contract, pursuant to Resolution 019-2025, in order for Millennium to continue to provide grant writing services while the City was operating on a temporary budget; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to extend the contract with Millennium for an additional year; and

WHEREAS, the City also desires to expand the contract with Millennium to provide additional management services; and

WHEREAS, Millennium has provided a proposal for an extension of the agreement, dated March 25, 2025 as shown in **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services for which no bidding is necessary, and the proposed fees are reasonable and competitive.

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 execute an agreement with Millennium Strategies LLC of Morristown, NJ for grant writing services substantially in accordance the draft agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit "B"**. The agreement shall

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be for a period of three (3) years, and shall provide for total fees and expenses in an amount not to exceed the sum of Two-Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand (\$237,000) overall, consisting of Seventy-Nine Thousand (\$79,000) per year. The agreement shall contain such other terms as recommended by the Mayor and Director of Law, and shall be approved as to form by the Director of Law.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

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 to permit the uninterrupted provision of grant writing services to the City. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



TONY CUDA
President of Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

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PASSED: April 7, 2025

Presented to Mayor: 04/11/2025 Approved: 04/17/2025



KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor