

RESOLUTION NO. 097-2025(COTW), *Third Reading (Amended 06.16.2025; Amended by Substitution 08.18.2025)*

By Vice President Russell

A Resolution expressing support for the Prentiss Place Transitional Living Facility for Homeless Women with Children Project; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights recognizes the urgent need for safe, supportive transitional housing for homeless women and their children, particularly those within the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District, which currently identifies at least 167 students and impacting 91 families as experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Prentiss Place, to be located at 2435 N Taylor Road, will provide 24-hour, dormitory-style accommodations and a continuum of care for up to 6 families or 30 individuals at a time (serving 120-150 annually), with services including case management, educational support, mentoring, workforce development, permanent housing placement services, financial literacy, health and wellness programming, and trauma-informed care; and

WHEREAS, this project is a collaborative effort involving Imani Temple Ministries, Students of Promise, and Murtis Taylor Human Services System, and leverages ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding as part of broader, community-based approach to addressing homelessness and support family stability; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights Planning Commission has reviewed and supported the project, finding it consistent with the City's goals for sustainable development, neighborhood preservation, and the promotion of public health, safety, and welfare

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

SECTION 1. That the Cleveland Heights City Council hereby expresses its support for the Prentiss Place Transitional Living Facility, recognizing its vital role in addressing homelessness among women and children in our community.

SECTION 2. The Cleveland Heights City Council authorizes the contribution of \$100,000 to support the establishment and initial operations of the Prentiss Place (Murtis Taylor Human Services Center as Fiscal Agent for the project), as a demonstration of the City's commitment to housing stability, educational opportunity, and family well-being, and authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute a grant

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agreement for this purpose, subject to the approval of the Director of Law. Fiscal agent's compensation for its services shall not exceed 6.5% of this grant.

SECTION 3. The City is hereby directed to take all necessary steps to facilitate the timely disbursement of these funds and to support the project's successful implementation in coordination with Imani Temple Ministries, Students of Promise, Murtis Taylor Human Services System, and other community partners.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken 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 5. Notice of 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 6. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to timely fund Prentiss Place operations in concert with its other funding sources. 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; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



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President of Council



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PASSED: August 18, 2025

Presented to Mayor: 08/20/2025 Effective Date: 08/29/2025

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor

*Effective date per Article IV, Section 5 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights