

Proposed: 06/15/2020

**RESOLUTION NO. 59-2020 (PD)**

By Council Member

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant CV funds to provide additional assistance to their Refugee Assistance Program needed as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland is a non-profit corporation that was founded in response to the needs of the Bhutanese refugee community in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, the Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland serves all people in need, irrespective of ethnic origin, in need of services throughout Cleveland Heights; and

WHEREAS, the Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland seeks additional funding in order to continue to offer their job training program in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland seeks to assist refugees suffering from the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic, such as food insecurity, personal protection equipment and technological services; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City and its residents to provide partial funding to assist such programming; and

WHEREAS, there are monies available for such purpose from the CDBG-CV Funds originating from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Funds (CARES Act).

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

**SECTION 1.** The City Manager be, and she is hereby, authorized to enter into an agreement with the Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland, a non-profit corporation, for assistance with its Job Training Program. The agreement shall provide for funding in the amount of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) from Community Development Block Grant CV funds. The services to be performed by the Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland are set forth in the Statement of Work attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein. The agreement shall be for a seventeen-month period commencing February 1, 2020, and terminating June 30, 2021, and shall be reviewed as to form by the Director of Law.

**SECTION 2.** 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.

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SECTION 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately 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 allow the services of the Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland to continue without interruption. 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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JASON S. STEIN, Mayor  
President of the Council

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AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

PASSED: