

RESOLUTION NO. 85-2021 (PD)

By Council Member Dunbar

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Gesher, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for the payment of operating expenses; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Gesher offers a benefits referral program to help local families faced with financial hardship access much needed local, state, and federal support; and

WHEREAS, Gesher is in need of funding for operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City and its residents to provide partial funding for the agency's programming; and

WHEREAS, there are monies available for such purpose from Year 47 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

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 and any related documents with Gesher a non-profit corporation, for assistance with the operating expenses of the Gesher Benefits Referral Program. The agreement shall provide for total funding in the amount of up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from Year 47 Community Development Block Grant funds. The services to be performed by Gesher are set forth in the Statement of Work attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein. The agreement shall be subject to the approval 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.

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 necessary services of Gesher to continue uninterrupted. 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
President of the Council

AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED: June 21, 2021

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EXHIBIT A
STATEMENT OF WORK

GESHER

Gesher is an initiative of Agudath Israel of Ohio which helps eliminate cultural barriers in accessing and applying for assistance programs and whose staff helps families meet the challenges of financial hardship. Their trained benefits counselors advise clients about the local, state and federal benefits for which they are eligible.

The Gesher service area includes the suburbs of Cleveland Heights, South Euclid and University Heights. CDBG funds will assist with the administrative costs of Gesher associated with assisting at least 51% low- and moderate-income Cleveland Heights households. Gesher will assist approximately 385 households in 2021-2022.