

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO
ORDINANCE No. 23-05 AC CMS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE OBERLIN COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL

WHEREAS, this Council finds and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, (“ARPA”) presumes that populations with low to moderate income have been negatively impacted or disproportionately impacted by the negative health, safety, and economic effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that as the economy recovers, the negative health and economic effects of the pandemic may continue to impact households in the form of a continued risk of long-term effects on the health, safety, earnings, and economic potential of members of the Oberlin and Lorain County communities that have been impacted or disproportionately impacted by the negative economic consequences of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funding is intended to help communities rebuild in ways that secure economic stability and mobility for those most impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin is in receipt of funds granted under the ARPA which may be used to mitigate the negative health, safety and economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

WHEREAS, the Oberlin Community Services Council (“OCS”) is an Oberlin-based, not-for-profit corporation duly formed under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that provides essential services for low to moderate-income populations in Oberlin and Lorain County and;

WHEREAS, OCS is in the process of relocating its operations to a larger facility to accommodate the increased demand for services and to expand the scope of services offered, in part due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and will incur costs associated with necessary capital improvements to retrofit said facility to accommodate its operations; and.

WHEREAS, this Council finds that the provision of financial assistance to OCS for necessary capital improvements to its facility will facilitate the mitigation of the negative economic impact upon members of the Oberlin community who have been impacted or disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency consistent with the purposes for which ARPA funds have been appropriated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing Findings of the Oberlin City Council are hereby affirmed and adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: That Council does hereby authorize the expenditure of ARPA funds in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to OCS to assist in the cost of necessary capital improvements to its facility to enable it to accommodate the needs of persons impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

SECTION 3: That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take all such administrative action as may be necessary or convenient for the provision of ARPA funding to OSC as authorized by this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 1st Reading: January 17, 2023

2nd Reading: _____

3rd Reading: _____

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL



BRYAN BURGESS
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 01/18/2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: 02/16/2023