

RESOLUTION RECORD

VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 22-03

INTRODUCED BY: Council Pro Tempore Traore

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REQUEST OF CUYAHOGA ARTS & CULTURE MADE TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE ALLOCATION OF \$5,000,000 (FIVE MILLION) IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT [ARPA] FUNDING TO SUPPORT ARTS AND CULTURE BUSINESSES, NONPROFITS AND INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS RECOVERING FROM THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 HEALTH PANDEMIC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County's Arts and Culture Sector generated an economic impact of \$9.1 billion, supported 62,500 jobs, and produced labor income of \$3.3 billion prior to the pandemic;

WHEREAS, arts and culture nonprofits, businesses and individual artists experienced losses unseen since the Great Recession due to the COVID-19 Health Pandemic, including venue closures, staff layoffs, and implementation of COVID-19 mitigation protocols;

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County performing arts organizations have experienced a 57% decrease in full-time employees due to the pandemic;

WHEREAS, over 5,000 employees of Cuyahoga County arts and culture nonprofits have been laid off, furloughed, or had their hours reduced due to the pandemic;

WHEREAS, 90% of individual artists in Cuyahoga County reported losing full-time, part-time, and / or contract-based work due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, in the Cleveland Metropolitan Statistical Area [MSA] art and culture nonprofits lost over \$52 million in paychecks alone due to the pandemic;

WHEREAS, the residual loss in the arts and culture sector also impacted community businesses such as retail, restaurants and hotels who benefit from the spending of arts patrons;

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County will receive \$240 million from the federal American Rescue Plan Act to address COVID-19's ongoing impact on community and economic development, public health, housing, education, racial inequities, and disproportionately impacted populations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. Council hereby recognizes the far-reaching importance of the arts and culture sector to the economic well-being of our residents and communities; and therefore encourages Cuyahoga County to allocate the requested \$5,000,000 (million) in American Rescue Plan Act [ARPA] funding to Cuyahoga County's Arts and Culture Sector to support its continued recovery from the COVID-19 Health Pandemic. *five*

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council that resulted in such formal action occurred in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: The Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of the County Council for the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio.

Section 4: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the Village of Newburgh Heights, such emergency being the need to promptly provide notice to the Cuyahoga County Council prior to appropriations for ARPA funding, so that the County Council is aware of Village Council's support of allocation of funds for arts and culture; wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of four (4) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Ordinance 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.

PASSED: April 5, 2022

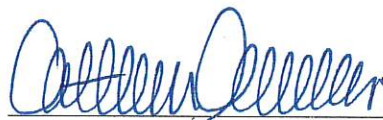
Approved as to Form



Solicitor



Trevor Elkins, Mayor
Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio



Cathleen Nagorski, Fiscal Officer
Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio

1ST Reading: April 5, 2022

2ND Reading: April 5, 2022

3RD Reading: April 5, 2022