

RESOLUTION NO. 86-2022 (PD), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Family Connections of Northeast Ohio, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds in support of its Family School Connections Program and Parent Café Program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, Family Connections of Northeast Ohio is a non-profit corporation, the mission of which is to strengthen families and promote the healthy development of children by providing parent education, parent support and activities for families with children from birth to age ten; and

WHEREAS, Family Connections of Northeast Ohio has established a Family School Connections Program to provide support to parents and youth; and

WHEREAS, Family Connections of Northeast Ohio has established a Parent Cafe Program to provide support to parents and youth; 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 Year 48 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter into an agreement and any related documents with Family Connections of Northeast Ohio, a non-profit corporation, for assistance with its Family School Connections and Parent Café Programs. The agreement shall provide for funding in the amount of up to Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) from Year 48 Community Development Block Grant funds. The services to be performed by Family Connections of Northeast Ohio 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. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an

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emergency measure 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 the Family Connections of Northeast Ohio to continue uninterrupted. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five 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.



Melody Joy Hart
President of the Council



CRAIG COBB
Clerk of Council, Pro Tem

PASSED: June 21, 2022

Presented to Mayor: June 24, 2022

Approved: July 2, 2022



KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor

EXHIBIT A
STATEMENT OF WORK

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Family Connections has established the Family School Connections Program to assist parents of preschool and elementary students. The program is designed to enhance parents' involvement in their children's education by providing school and neighborhood-based activities that focus on academic skills as well as social and recreational interests. Family support, parent education, and access to community resources are incorporated into the literacy program.

The program will serve approximately 100 families. CDBG funds will contribute towards personnel expenses. The program will be offered at Oxford, Noble and Boulevard Elementary Schools or online if necessary. Programming at Gearity Elementary School will be offered through other funding sources.

Family Connections has also established the Parent Café Program to assist parents, their preschool and elementary students. A Parent Cafe is a parent education experience designed to create opportunities for parents to connect, share and learn from each other in a space that appreciates that all parents have something to offer and have all that they need. Parent Cafes are driven by the knowledge that parents can, must and do tap into their wisdom and resources in order to strengthen their own families. It is guided by trained Parent Hosts. Parents gather in small groups and explore questions that really matter to them. Through these meaningful conversations, parents are working to build five Protective Factors that will benefit their family. These Protective Factors have been shown through research to prevent child abuse and neglect in families. These Protective Factors are: Parental Resilience; Social Connections; Concrete Support in Times of Need; Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development and Social and Emotional Competence of Children.

The program will serve 13 families. CDBG funds will contribute towards personnel and supply expenses. If necessary, programming may take place online.