

RESOLUTION NO. 169-2023(PSH),
Second Reading as Amended

Introduced by Council Member Boyd

A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Bellefaire JCB for law enforcement training and an update of the Cleveland Heights Youth Diversion and Mentoring Program to better serve transgender and other LGBTQIA+ youth; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the City wishes to update its Youth Diversion and Mentoring Program and law enforcement training to ensure that all youth are being adequately served including transgender and other LGBTQIA+ youth; and

WHEREAS, Bellefaire JCB has offered to provide such services for a period of two years for the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) total, at Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) annually, with deliverables to be as follows:

- Law enforcement training on engaging transgender and other LGBTQIA+ youth;
- Updating the Cleveland Heights Diversion and Mentoring Program to better serve LGBTQIA+ youth; and
- Provision of case management and mentoring support for such Program.

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City and its residents to obtain such services.

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

SECTION 1. This Council hereby authorizes an agreement with Bellefaire JCB for the provision of services related to an update of the City's Youth Diversion and Mentoring Program and training services to better serve all youth including transgender youth and others in the LGBTQIA+ community. The agreement shall be for a period of two years, shall provide for compensation in a sum not to exceed Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) annually, (Twenty-five Thousand Dollars total), and shall contain such other terms as recommended by the Mayor and Director of Law. Funding for this agreement shall be from American Rescue Plan Act funds.

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 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an 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 continue to provide services for victims of domestic violence 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.



MELODY JOY HART
President of Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED: 12/18/2023

Presented to Mayor: 12/22/2023

Approved: 12/27/2023



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Mayor