

RESOLUTION NO. 82-2021 (PD)

By Council Member Dunbar

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds in connection with its Refugee Assistance programming; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland is a non-profit corporation that was founded in response to the needs of the Bhutanese refugee community in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, the Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland offers a refugee assistance program to assist participants with English as a second language, interpretation services, citizenship classes, driving education, and other classes aimed at building skills to support refugees in Cleveland Heights; and

WHEREAS, the Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland serves all people, irrespective of ethnic origin, in need of such services throughout Cleveland Heights; 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 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 the Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland, a non-profit corporation, for support with its Refugee Assistance programming. The agreement shall provide for 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 the Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland 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 Refugee Assistance

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programming of the Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland to continue 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.

Jason Stein
President of the Council

Amy Himmelein
Clerk of Council

PASSED: June 21, 2021

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EXHIBIT A
STATEMENT OF WORK

THE BHUTANESE COMMUNITY OF GREATER CLEVELAND

The Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) group that was founded in response to the needs of the Bhutanese refugee community in Cleveland. They wish to serve all needy people, irrespective of ethnic origin, in need of services throughout Cleveland. Their mission statement is: Unity in Diversity is the Strength of Humanity.

The Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland operates a community center where they conduct various classes in order to support refugees. The community center assists participants with English as a second language, interpretation services, citizenship classes, driving education, and other classes aimed at building skills for refugees in Cleveland Heights.

The program will serve 200 individuals in 2021-2022. CDBG funds will contribute towards personnel and operating expenses. The program will be established at their Community Center located on Noble Road.