

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

ORDINANCE No. 20-66 AC CMS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE OBERLIN COMMUNITY FOR THE MITIGATION OF EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE

WHEREAS, there are a number of non-profit organizations located within the City of Oberlin that provide valuable services to the Oberlin community at large; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, said organizations have incurred extraordinary, unforeseen expenses necessary to mitigate the effects of the pandemic which have limited their ability to provide important services to the Oberlin community; and

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Oberlin desires to authorize the provision of financial support to said organizations to facilitate the provision of services for the direct and indirect benefit of the Oberlin community at large, subject to certain restrictions applicable to the use of such support; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and Director of Planning and Development have established certain criteria for the use of financial support including, (1) to cover expenses for acquisition, distribution, and disposal of medical and protective supplies, including personal protective equipment (PPE), for medical personnel, social workers, child protection services, child welfare officers, direct service providers for older adults and individuals with disabilities in community settings, and other public health or safety workers in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency, (2) to cover expenses related to the provision of food and/or food delivery to and welfare checks of vulnerable populations to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions, (3) to cover expenses related to the provision of food and meals to those individuals or families who were impacted by a loss of income due to COVID-19 business or school closings, (4) to cover expenses to facilitate distance learning, including technological improvements in connection with school closings to enable compliance with COVID-19 precautions, (5) to provide financial assistance to individuals and families directly impacted by a loss of income due to COVID-19, including past-due rent or mortgage payment to avoid eviction or foreclosure, unforeseen costs for funerals, emergency home repairs, payment of overdue utility bills to avoid shut-offs, or other emergency needs; and

WHEREAS, the City has solicited applications for funding from local non-profit organizations who have been adversely impacted by the unforeseen necessity to make expenditures to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic based upon the established criteria; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has made recommendations regarding the provision of financial support to the applicants for such support.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: That the Oberlin City Council does hereby adopt the recommendations of the City Manager relating to the expenditure of public funds in support of certain non-profit organizations that provide important services to the Oberlin community at large, to wit:

Providing the Oberlin with Efficiency Responsibly:	\$ 3,678.00
The Oberlin City School District Board of Education:	\$ 5,715.50
Oberlin Community Services Counsel:	\$ 29,626.06
Salvation Army:	\$ 4,000.00
Christ Church (Weekday Community Meals):	\$ 7,166.00

SECTION 2: That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to distribute the financial support authorized herein, subject to the condition that the City shall have the authority to assure that the support has been utilized solely in accordance with the criteria establish by the City, subject to recoupment.

SECTION 3: That the Council of the City of Oberlin finds and determines that the provision of financial support to local non-profit organizations to be used for the purposes set forth herein is for a proper municipal public purpose.

SECTION 4: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage 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 is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, Ohio or to provide for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, to wit: to facilitate the provision of important services to the Oberlin community at large of certain non-profit organizations who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic without delay and provided that it is elevated to emergency status by the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council and receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council upon final passage, it shall go into full force and effect from and immediately after its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.


PASSED: 1st Reading: December 21, 2020

2nd Reading: _____

3rd Reading: _____

ATTEST:


BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL


LINDA SLOCUM
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 12/22/2020

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/21/2020