

Moved by Mr(s). Humphrey, seconded by Mr(s). Corcoran,

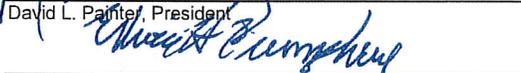
Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners adopt Resolution Number 153-20 resolving to approve payment to vendors in the Revised Total Amount of **\$1,837,989.16** as set forth in the BCC Approval Invoice Report for **Checks Dated September 23, 2020**, BCC Directed Pre-Paid Invoices Report(s) and/or the Procurement Card Transaction Report as presented by the County Auditor on 09/22/2020, and further authorizing the County Auditor to issue warrants for same pursuant to Section 319.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

David L. Painter,	<u>Yes</u>
Edwin H. Humphrey,	<u>Aye</u>
Claire B. Corcoran,	<u>Yes</u>

Date Adopted: September 23, 2020

  
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David L. Painter, President

  
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Edwin H. Humphrey, Vice-President

  
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Pursuant to and in compliance with House Bill 102 of the 131st Ohio General Assembly  
Claire B. Corcoran, Member  
effective 03/27/20 through 12/01/20.

OR

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Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE  
BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES  
AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

(BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS)

Rev. Code, Secs. 5705.34, 5705.35

Resolution Number 154-20

The Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, met in

Regular session on the 23rd day of September, 2020, at  
the office of the Board of County Commissioners with the following members present:

David L. Painter, President  
Edwin H. Humphrey, Vice President  
Claire B. Corcoran, Member

M. c. Humphrey moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, By the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of law  
has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January  
1st, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Clermont County, Ohio, has certified its action  
thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax  
necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without and what part within,  
the ten mill tax limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, that the  
amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the  
same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said County the  
rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

**SCHEDULE A**

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

Fund	Amount Approved by Budget Commission	Amount to be Derived from Levies		County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
		Inside 10 Mill Limitation	Outside 10 Mill Limitation	Inside 10 Mill Limit	Outside 10 Mill Limit
		Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
General Fund	10,111,241			2.10	
Senior Services		5,508,144			1.30
CC Developmental Disabilities		13,230,139			3.25
Mental Health Board		3,445,965			0.75
Children Services		3,389,627			0.80
County Capital	4,814,876			1.00	
Library		3,813,332			0.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,926,117</b>	<b>29,387,207</b>		<b>3.10</b>	<b>7.00</b>

**SCHEDULE B**

LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES

Fund		Maximum Rate Authorized to be Levied	County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
Senior Services Levy authorized by voters on 3/15/2016 not to exceed 5 years	Senior Services	1.30	5,508,144
Developmental Disabilities Levy authorized by voters on 11/8/1977 not to exceed continuous years	CC Developmental Disabilities	0.20	273,558
Developmental Disabilities Levy authorized by voters on 05/8/2018 not to exceed 5 years	CC Developmental Disabilities	0.75	3,058,992
Developmental Disabilities Levy authorized by voters on 05/04/2010 not to exceed continuous years	CC Developmental Disabilities	0.90	3,813,332
Developmental Disabilities Levy authorized by voters on 03/15/2016 not to exceed continuous years	CC Developmental Disabilities	1.40	6,084,257
Mental Health authorized by voters on 11/3/2015 not to exceed 5 years	Mental Health Board	0.50	2,297,321
Mental Health authorized by voters on 11/3/2015 not to exceed 5 years	Mental Health Board	0.25	1,148,644
Children Services Levy authorized by voters on 11/3/2015 not to exceed 5 years	Children Services	0.80	3,389,627
Library Levy authorized by voters on 11/4/2008 not to exceed continuous years	Library	0.90	3,813,332

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Board be, and he is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

M. rs. Corcoran seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

M. <u>r. Humphrey</u>	_____	<u>Aye</u>
M. <u>rs. Corcoran</u>	_____	<u>Yes</u>
M. <u>r. Painter</u>	_____	<u>Yes</u>

Adopted the 23rd day of September, 2020.

Holly Crucey  
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of  
Clermont County, Ohio

CERTIFICATE TO COPY

ORIGINAL ON FILE

The State of Ohio, Clermont County, ss.

I, Holly Crucey, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, and in whose custody the Files and Records of said Board are required by the Laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the forgoing is taken and copied from the original

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now on file with said Board, that the forgoing has been compared by me with said original document, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

WITNESS my signature, this 23rd day of September, 2020.

Holly Crucey  
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners  
Clermont County, Ohio

1. A copy of this Resolution must be certified to the County Auditor within the prescribed by Sec. 5705.34 R.C., or at such later date as may be approved by the Board of Tax Appeals.

RESOLUTION NO. 155-20

The Board of County Commissioners, Clermont County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 23rd day of September 2020, with the following members present:

David L. Painter, President

Edwin H. Humphrey, Vice President

Claire B. Corcoran, Member

Mr(s) Corcoran moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION 140-20 THAT CREATED THE CLERMONT COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF INITIATIVE USING CARES ACT ALLOTMENT TO PROVIDE UP TO \$5,000 IN ELIGIBLE SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS**

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a fast spreading respiratory virus, which has caused a global pandemic and catastrophic illness and death for thousands of people around the world and in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President of the United States on March 27, 2020, providing a \$2 trillion economic relief package to workers and families, small businesses, and state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2020 the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio passed Resolution 140-20 which established the Clermont County CARES Small Business Relief Initiative setting aside \$200,000 of the County allotment of funds to support small businesses in need; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2020 Clermont County received additional funds as part of the CARES act; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, in an open, public session, passed Amendment #1 to Resolution 140-20 to include modified program parameters; and

WHEREAS, at that same meeting, information was presented to the Board from the COVID Finance Committee that included a recommendation of increasing

the maximum initiative set aside amount of up to \$500,000 from the original \$200,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio that Resolution 140-20 is hereby superseded by this resolution and the CARES Small Business Relief Initiative attached as Exhibit "A" may be used for expenses incurred by businesses from the period of March 23, 2020 through 60 days from receipt of the grant funds. Future modifications to the procedures, requirements, individual award amounts, and or parameters of the Initiative (attached as Exhibit "A") may be made at the pleasure of the Director of Economic and Community Development so long as the total amount set aside and awarded does not exceed \$500,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with the applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr(s). Humphrey seconded the motion and on roll call, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Painter	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Humphrey	<u>Aye</u>
Mrs. Corcoran	<u>Yes</u>

This Resolution was duly passed on the 23rd day of September 2020.

ATTEST:

Holly Cruey  
Holly Cruey, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners

This Agreement was approved as to form by  
the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of  
Clermont County, Ohio

Allen J. [Signature]  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Date: 9-22-20

## EXHIBIT A

### SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF INITIATIVE

The Small Business Relief Initiative provides Clermont County small businesses with modest monetary assistance due to business Interruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible small businesses may apply for \$2,500 or \$5,000 (dependent on the size of the small business) in grant funds to be used for the reimbursement of eligible expenses as defined below. Clermont County will be utilizing \$500,000 of its CARES Act allotment for this assistance.

For questions regarding the Initiative, please email Sherri Cmar at [SCmar@clermontcountyohio.org](mailto:SCmar@clermontcountyohio.org).

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible to apply for grant funds under the Clermont County Small Business Relief Initiative, a business must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a for-profit entity with a location in Clermont County.
2. Have a Federal Taxpayer Identification Number for its type of business and a DUNS number. The business must obtain a DUNS number prior to being awarded grant funding. A DUNS number can be requested here: <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>
3. Have been operational since January of 2020. This can be evidenced, at a minimum, by: a) filing(s) with the Ohio Secretary of State, such as articles of incorporation or other registration documents along with an Ohio Secretary of State Certificate of Good Standing; b) an Ohio vendor's license; c) Federal Schedule C — Profit or Loss Business (Sole Proprietorship); or any other documents that demonstrate that the business has been in operation as a for-profit entity since January 2019.
4. Have less than \$2 million in gross revenue/receipts on an annual basis. This can be evidenced by records such as the business' 2018 and 2019 federal income tax return or financial statements.
5. Must have experienced a decrease in gross revenue/receipts of 35% or more due to COVID-19 when comparing March 1-July 31, 2019 revenue/receipts to revenue/receipts for March 1-July 31, 2020. This can be evidenced by financial information/records, including, at a minimum, bank statements. This criteria is not required for businesses who have started operations after March 1, 2019.
6. Have 50 or fewer employees or 1099 workers as of March 22, 2020. This can be demonstrated by forms such as 2019 Form W-3 (Transmittal of Wage or Tax Statement) or 2019 Form 1096 (Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns) and payroll reports or checks that evidence number of workers March 22, 2020 or statement attesting/certifying that your business has no employees or 1099 workers.
7. Has eligible expenses that have not been paid by another federal assistance program or Initiative for lost revenue or expenses arising from the pandemic (i.e. Paycheck Protection Initiative, Emergency Disaster Loan, etc.).
8. Has not been approved for a business interruption insurance claim as result of COVID-19 for eligible expenses in this Initiative.

9. Business location in Clermont County, Ohio and the grant funding will be used for expenses for that business. This can be evidenced by records such as a mortgage statement, utility bill, insurance premium statement and property tax bills.
10. Must be able to attest that it is in compliance with federal, state, or county and local requirements applicable to its type of business.
11. Must be able to attest that it is current with all federal, state, county and local taxes and fees.
12. Must be able to attest that it is in good standing with all applicable government regulations related to building code or property maintenance issues.
13. Must be able to attest that it is not a nuisance property for police/fire/EMS calls.
14. Must be able to attest that it is not currently in bankruptcy.

#### INELIGIBLE SMALL BUSINESSES

A business is not eligible to apply for Grant Funds under the Clermont County Small Business Relief Initiative if it primarily operates as one of the following:

1. Adult entertainment establishment
2. Bank, savings and loan or credit union
3. E-commerce only company
4. Liquor / wine store
5. Vaping store
6. Tobacco store
7. Cannabis dispensary
8. Franchised business not locally owned and independently operated
9. Businesses owned by employees of Clermont County, their immediate family or those living in the same household of Clermont County employees

#### ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Grant Funds provided by Clermont County's Small Business Relief Initiative can only be used to pay the expenses of the business: a) related to the costs of business interruption caused by required closures; or b) that the business faces due to its uncertainty as to its ability to pay due to the pandemic. Eligible expenses include but are not limited to:

1. Mortgage costs. Mortgage costs for businesses that are located in or operated out of a personal residence are not an eligible expense.
2. Rent or lease costs. Rent or lease costs for businesses that are located in or operated out of a personal residence are not an eligible expense.
3. Expenses for utilities, such as electric, gas, sewer, water, trash removal. Utility costs for businesses that are located in or operated out of personal residence are not eligible expense.
4. Salaries, wages or compensation paid to employees or 1099 workers.
5. Materials and supplies related to interruption of the business caused by required closures.
6. Personal Protective Equipment or other COVID-19 related costs such as expenses related to compliance with Responsible RestartOhio.

7. Sole proprietors can use grant funding as income replacement by providing documentation on lost revenue from March 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020 due to COVID so long as no unemployment benefits, have been received, are being received, or are expected to be received by the applicant. If not already submitted, upload the most recent filed Schedule C - Profit or Loss from Business (Sole Proprietorship).

If awarded, all Grant funding distributed as a part of this Initiative must be spent within 60 calendar days of receipt. Grant funds can be used to reimburse eligible expenses incurred from March 27, 2020 through 60 calendar days from receipt of grant funds. At the end of the grant term, the business shall submit an itemization of all expenditures along with all supporting documentation. Documentation shall be in the form of paid invoices and canceled checks, bank statements, or similar documentation showing payment of eligible expenses. If the business cannot properly substantiate its eligible expenses, the business will be required to repay undocumented grant funds. The business must also provide an affidavit that no other relief funds were used for the same eligible expenses.

#### INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

1. Cost of vehicle or equipment leased or purchased after March 27, 2020, except if the purchase of equipment is to comply with Responsible RestartOhio.
2. Personal, non-business expenses of the business or its owner(s).
3. Construction costs.
4. Any tax, license or fee obligations payable to any governmental entity.

#### PROCESS

##### 1. Application

A business that is interested in participating in the Initiative must fill out the application to determine if it meets all of the eligibility criteria set forth above.

A business can apply for a \$2,500 or \$5,000 grant. Businesses with 1-10 employees are eligible for up to \$2,500 in grant funding while businesses of 11-50 employees are eligible for up to \$5,000 in grant funding. If awarded, all grant funding distributed as part of this Initiative must be spent within 60 calendar days of receipt. Grant funds can be used to reimburse Eligible Expenses incurred beginning March 23, 2020 and ends 60 calendar days from receipt of grant funds. Applications can be submitted beginning at 4:30 p.m. August 31 through Friday, September 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Applications will be accepted via the web site address, email to Sherri Cmar, Fax to (513) 732-7366, by personal delivery to the Economic Development office, 101 East Main Street, Third Floor, Batavia, Ohio, or by regular mail. Please note that applications will be time stamped when received and not mailed. Therefore, a postmark will not be an acceptable method of time stamping applications.

##### 2. Method of Allocating Funding

Applications that have met all of the eligibility criteria through the application will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until the initial round of funding has been exhausted. Applicants not receiving an award will be kept on file in the event that further funds become available or in the event that a funded business becomes ineligible thereby allowing for funds to be awarded to the next eligible business.

3. Documentation Submission

A business selected as a part of the initiative will be invited to the next stage which will require the business to upload information and documents demonstrating it meets the eligibility requirements and confirming how the grant funds will be spent. The business shall upload all required documentation within 5 calendar days of notification.

Clermont County (and/or its designees) will review and verify the documents. If the submitted information and documents do not demonstrate that the business has met the eligibility criteria, the next business in line will be contacted to submit the required documentation.

4. Payment and Signed Agreement

Once approved for a grant, the business must sign and return the Grant Agreement within 5 calendar days of receipt and provide its bank account number and routing number for grant fund payment.

5. Close-out Report

Businesses are required to submit a grant final close-out report which is expected to include at minimum, proof of payment (paid invoices cancelled checks, bank statements, or other documentation showing proof of payment of Eligible Expenses), and a summary of the impact the funds had on the business and its operations.