








CENTER FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY



Progress Update

Mayor Bibb’s Center for Economic Recovery has allocated all of its ARPA funding under its purview. Through negotiations with Cleveland City Council, approximately \$40 million will be allocated by City Council and is currently under deliberation by Council. The administration continues to contract, distribute funding, and stand up initiatives proposed by the Center for Economic Recovery which have been passed by Council.

Distribution of Dollars

The following initiatives that were proposed by the Center for Economic Recovery have been passed or is in the process of getting Council approval.

CATEGORY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
 ARTS & NEIGHBORHOODS	Transformative Arts Fund	\$3,000,000
	Downtown Lighting	\$1,000,000
 ARTS & NEIGHBORHOODS - PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	West Side Market	\$10,000,000
	Public Riverfront Investments	\$3,000,000
	North Coast Connector	\$3,000,000
 ARTS & NEIGHBORHOODS - INFRASTRUCTURE	North Coast Near Term Activation	\$1,000,000
	Euclid Beach Connector	\$3,000,000
	Euclid Creek Greenway	\$500,000
	Irishtown Bend	\$5,000,000
	CHEERS Fishing Pier	\$1,500,000
 BROADBAND	Digital Divide	\$20,000,000
 EDUCATION	Early Childcare Bonuses	\$2,670,000
	Early Childcare Scholarships	\$1,890,000
	Say Yes! Gap Funding	\$600,000
	Comebacker Campaign	\$300,000
	Greater Cleveland Career Consortium (YOU)	\$2,100,000
	Integrated Health Initiative	\$3,750,000
 MODERN CITY HALL	311 Digital Government Software	\$4,000,000
	Strategic Plan and Audit	\$1,000,000
 MODERN CITY HALL - PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	City Hall Envelope Restoration and Roof	\$14,000,000
	Back to Basics Capital Fund	\$30,000,000

CATEGORY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
 HOUSING FOR ALL	Lead Free Cleveland	\$17,000,000
	Demolition	\$15,000,000
	Woodhill Homes	\$4,920,000
	Developer Acquisition Rehab Loan Fund	\$5,000,000
	Home Repair Fund	\$10,000,000
	Housing Gap Fund	\$30,000,000
	Legal Aid	\$1,000,000
	Housing Rehab - SE Side	\$5,000,000
Down Payment Assistance	\$10,000,000	
 INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC RECOVERY	Minority Business Credit Enhancement Fund	\$5,000,000
	Built Environment Workforce	\$10,000,000
	Site Acquisition - Opportunity Corridor	\$3,500,000
	Commercial Corridors - SE Side	\$5,000,000
	Catalytic Development - SE Side (<i>New Development + Incentives</i>)	\$5,000,000
	Site Acquisition and Development Fund	\$50,000,000
	Waterfront Development Authority	\$3,000,000
 VIOLENCE PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY	CIT/Co-Responder	\$5,100,000
	Dash Cameras	\$2,300,000
	Canopy Child Advocacy Center	\$500,000
	Cleveland Rape Crisis Center	\$2,500,000
	Journeys	\$1,750,000
	ShotSpotter	\$2,760,000
	Neighborhood Safety Endowment Fund	\$10,000,000

Remaining Funding

While Mayor Bibb's administration has allocated all of its available funding, Cleveland City Council has approximately \$27 million remaining to allocate.

Dollars out the Door!

The Bibb Administration has been working through the contracting phase and has been distributing dollars to partners to begin executing projects and seeing results. For example, early childhood educators have started seeing their retention bonuses as families are being selected for early childhood scholarships, Shotspotter technology has been expanded across the City, and City Hall's strategic planning process has begun. Key housing development projects that were selected through a competitive RFP process, such as at

Garrett Square Senior Apartments and Hawthorne Elementary sites, have received their dollars. As of June, 2023, the Administration has also selected several nonprofit partners to administer the \$10 million Home Repair Fund, and is eagerly awaiting Council approval to begin distributing these dollars.

Additionally, the City of Cleveland has hired strategists for key initiatives which have been supported by ARPA funds. These includes Senior Strategist for Public Safety & Health Angela Cecys to oversee the Crisis Intervention Team expansion and Senior Strategist for the Southeast Side Marvin Owens, Jr. to coordinate the \$15 million allocated to revitalize Cleveland's Southeast Side.

MARVIN OWENS, JR.

As the new senior strategist for the revitalization of Cleveland's Southeast side, Marvin J. Owens, Jr., an economic development expert, community advocate, and Harvard-educated pastor, will work to bring investment into the long-disinvested southeast side neighborhoods of Mt. Pleasant, Union Miles, and Lee Harvard. In this role, Owens, a Cleveland native, will build and lead a cross-functional team—across city departments and with external partners—focused on strategy, planning, code enforcement, incentive development, site acquisition and preparation, marketing, business attraction, community engagement, and real estate development.

Previously the Chief Engagement Officer for Impact Shares, Owens has decades of community and economic development experience, including four years as Senior Director of Economic Programs for the NAACP, where he led the organization's national economic inclusion agenda. He has also served as Vice President for Economic Empowerment for the National Urban League, where he managed a partnership to promote minority entrepreneurship between the National Urban League, the National Economic Council of the White House, the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, and the Business Roundtable.

ANGELA CECYS

Leading the work to develop a sustainable strategy for crisis intervention is Angela Cecys, MSSA, LISW, an experienced behavioral health professional with a background in positive youth development, housing and homelessness, social welfare, and crisis services. Based in the Cleveland Department of Public Health, Cecys will work with service providers, advocates and stakeholders to transform emergency response for people experiencing mental or behavioral health crises, housing instability, struggling with substance use or belonging to marginalized communities.

Cecys is a Licensed Independent Social Worker who comes to the city from FrontLine Service, where she managed the Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness. Previously, Cecys served as one of the original Crisis Intervention Specialist co-responders for the Cleveland police pilot program, where police officers are partnered with social workers for calls related to mental health crises.

