

**RESOLUTION 21 - 32, 2021
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

AUTHORIZING A NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE AND ENHANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, QUALITY OF LIFE, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND PROPERTY VALUES, AND AUTHORIZING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF GREATER CINCINNATI UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE 505.701 TO DEFRAY CERTAIN PROGRAM EXPENSES AND DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND READING

WHEREAS, the Columbia Township Board of Trustees desires to benefit its residents by strengthening the quality of life in its neighborhoods through improved community engagement and enhanced property values; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbia Township Board of Trustees desires, for the public purpose of encouraging economic development of the township under Ohio Revised Code 505.80, to enact a pilot program for neighborhood improvements; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Township and HCDC researched neighborhood-based improvement programs nationally that were established by local governments to protect and promote neighborhood quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Township desires to utilize these program best practices to build partnerships with and among township residents to assist Columbia's neighborhoods in determining priorities and to invest in neighborhood improvements which will result in economic development in the Township; and,

WHEREAS, Columbia Township may provide for landscape and beautification projects under Ohio Revised Code 5571.10 and under limited home-rule; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the goals and public purposes noted above, the Board of Trustees hereby establishes the Neighborhood Economic Development Program ("NED") and invests up to \$500,000 over a two-year pilot program in certain neighborhood-based improvements in addition to the Township's regular investments such as roadways; and

WHEREAS, Expenses incurred by neighborhoods with Homeowner Associations will be reimbursed by the Community Improvement Corporation of Greater Cincinnati ("CIC") and other expenses will be incurred by the Township through contracts for improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the CIC is a nonprofit community improvement corporation organized under Chapter 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code to advance, encourage, and promote the industrial, economic, commercial, and civic development of a community or area; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, through unanimous vote of its membership, has

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designated CIC as its development agency under R.C. 505.701; and,

WHEREAS, CIC will incur various expenses in connection with its work as a community improvement corporation, including expenses relating to advancing, encouraging, and promoting the economic and commercial development within the Township as exemplified by and through this Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Township desires to give CIC financial assistance to defray the expenses of CIC, including the expenses relating to advancing, encouraging, and promoting the economic and commercial development within and for the benefit of the Township as provided by this Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Board, upon majority vote, hereby dispenses with the requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorizes the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, for the benefit and welfare of Columbia Township and its citizens, establishes the Neighborhood Economic Development Program as detailed on the attached overview for the public purposes set forth above; and authorizes the Administrator to appropriate necessary moneys from its general fund under R.C. 505.701, R.C. 505.80, R.C. 5571.10, home-rule, and other applicable Ohio law, and to manage the Program, including to enter into any agreements and to take any other actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate it.

Motion to accept Resolution made by Mrs./Mr. HUGHES

Seconded by Mr./Mrs. KUBICKI

VOTE:

TRUSTEE	Voting	Signature	Date
David Kubicki	<u>yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	07/13/2021
Brian Lamar	<u>yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	07/13/2021
Susan Hughes	<u>yes</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	07/13/2021

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ATTEST: Carole B. Heekin 07/13/2021
Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer

Adopted this 13 day of July, 2021

CERTIFICATE

State of Ohio, Hamilton County

I, Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 21-32 is taken and copied from the record of proceedings of the township, and that it has been compared by me with the resolution on the record and is a true copy.

07/13/2021 Carole B. Heekin
Caroline Heekin, Fiscal Officer



Columbia Township Neighborhood Economic Development Grants “NED”

- **Enhancing Our Neighborhoods & Connecting with Neighbors**

Columbia Township’s Board of Trustees has committed to **invest up to \$500,000** to enhance our neighborhoods over the next two years - and will **invite residents to vote for their choice of improvements**.

Dubbed “NED” for Neighborhood Economic Development Program, Columbia plans to enhance quality of life and safeguard property values in our 15 designated neighborhoods.

In a two-year pilot for the program starting in 2021, Columbia Township will offer:

- **Neighborhoods with homeowner's associations (HOAs)** - direct grants
- **Neighborhoods without an HOA** - residents can vote for one major enhancement
- Plus, Columbia will work with residents to plan:
 - New dedicated website for each neighborhood
 - Party for each neighborhood at the future Madison Place Firehouse event center

HOA Neighborhoods

These neighborhoods will receive direct grants with a list of eligible projects:

- Mariemont Landing (commonly "Crescent")
- Seven Hills
- Walton Creek Village
- Williams Meadow
- Woodland Vistas
- Indian Hill Place

Neighborhood Enhancement Programs (Non-HOA)

Each household may vote for one of the major enhancement projects below. The project that wins the majority of votes in each neighborhood will be funded and installed by Columbia.

- **Designer Street Signs** (*high quality poles with frames for stop and street signs. Each pole will come with beautifully designed decorative elements.*)
- **Neighborhood Street Trees** (*an arborist will meet with each neighborhood in a public meeting to coordinate tree selection, locations and installation schedule.*)



Columbia's Designated Neighborhoods

Neighborhood
Madison Place
Ridgewood
Williams Meadow
Maphet/Ebersole/Monning/Stewart (S)
Mariemont Landing (commonly "Crescent")
Seven Hills
Kennedy/Kenoak/Monardi/Lucille

Redbank/Erhling
Euclid/Ken Arbore/Stewart (north)
Muchmore/WaltonCreek/ Beech/Pear/Elm/Orchard/Spring
Walton Creek Village
Donald
Hill and Dale
Woodland Vistas
Indian Hill Place

HOA Eligible Projects for Direct Grants

HOAs must sign a grant application and agree to use funds on the below list of eligible projects.

- Dog Park
- Community Garden/Rain gardens/butterfly gardens
- Gateway improvements
- Street Lighting
- Sidewalks
- Neighborhood Signage
- Walking paths
- Landscaping/tree planting/flowers
- Fencing
- Bike racks
- Recycling/trash containers
- Benches
- Public art/Murals
- Gazebos, shelter
- Dog waste dispensers
- Playgrounds
- Bus shelter
- Bike path
- Little Library
- Flagpole with solar light and landscaping at street entrances
- Designer Street Signs
- Storm water management