

Date: April 26, 2022

Resolution No. 22-391

Title: Permission to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) to Utilize State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to Support the Development of the Trailside Lofts Housing Development

Department/Agency: Administration

Contact: Megan Vahey Casiere, County Administrator

Summary/Background: Signed into law on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was enacted to support American workers, families, businesses, and governments in efforts to strengthen the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. A centerpiece of the legislation was the provision of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), a \$350 billion program designed to provide state and local governments with the resources necessary to protect public health, support vulnerable populations, maintain vital public services, and make investments to build a resilient and equitable economic recovery.

Among the eligible uses for SLFRF is for the development of affordable housing. Communities across the United States were already suffering a crisis in affordable housing prior to the introduction of COVID-19, with 37 million households considered “cost burdened,” meaning they spent 30 percent or more of their income on housing in 2019. The pandemic exacerbated the crisis, affecting countless households throughout the country and in this community. In Lucas County, tens of thousands of households currently qualify as cost burdened, with nearly half of those residents forced to devote 50 percent or more of their income to housing. The shortage of affordable housing is complicated by a scarcity of materials and rising costs of construction, making public investment necessary to introduce new affordable units into the community.

MVAH Partners, LLC, as a leading developer of affordable housing throughout the Midwest, submitted a request to the Lucas County Board of Commissioners for \$1,500,000.00 in SLFRF for Trailside Lofts, a new fifty-unit workforce housing development to be located in Maumee, Ohio. The development will offer one to three-bedroom units affordable to households with incomes that are 60 percent or below the Area Median Income (AMI). A grant agreement in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 in SLFRF with local nonprofit GLCAP, a sponsor and member of the project owner, is recommended to support the development of the Trailside Lofts affordable housing development.

Budget Impact: 2286.113013.50.610002.00000.00000.

Statutory Authority/ORC: The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Commissioner Gerken offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in consideration of the above, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio, that:

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Section 1. This Board hereby authorizes Lucas County to enter into a grant agreement with GLCAP in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 (one million five hundred-thousand dollars and zero cents) in SLFRF funds for the development of the Trailside Lofts housing development.

Section 2. The Board authorizes the County Administrator or Deputy County Administrators to sign all documents and take any steps necessary to execute said agreement.

Section 3. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in a meeting open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Action Taken:

Commissioner Gerken voted yes
Commissioner Skeldon Wozniak voted yes
Commissioner Byers voted yes



Sarah Elms, Communications Project Manager