

**A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING THE REQUEST OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY'S
ARTS AND CULTURE SECTOR TO THE CUYAHOGA
COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY
COUNCIL FOR \$5 MILLION IN AMERICAN RESCUE ACT
(ARPA) FUNDING TO HELP ARTS AND CULTURE
BUSINESSES, NONPROFITS AND INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS
RECOVER FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County's arts and culture sector generated an economic impact of \$9.1 billion, supported 62,500 jobs, and produced labor income of \$3.3 billion prior to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, arts and culture nonprofits and businesses and individual artists experienced losses unseen since the Great Recession due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including venue closures, staff layoffs, and the implementation of COVID-19 mitigation protocols; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County performing arts organizations have experienced a 57% decrease in full-time employees due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, over 5,000 employees of Cuyahoga County arts and culture nonprofits have been laid off, furloughed, or had their hours reduced due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, 90% of individual artists in Cuyahoga County reported losing full-time, part-time, or contract-based work due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts and culture sector has lost over \$52 million in paychecks in the Cleveland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) alone due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the spillover effects of losses in the arts and culture sector also impact other community businesses such as retail, restaurants and hotels who benefit from the spending of arts patrons; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County will receive \$240 million from the federal American Rescue Plan Act to address COVID-19's ongoing impact on community and economic development, public health, housing, education, racial inequities, and disproportionately impacted populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF ORANGE VILLAGE, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Village of Orange encourages Cuyahoga County to allocate \$5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding to Cuyahoga County's arts and culture sector to support its continued recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County.

SECTION 3. That the actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution 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 held in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 105 of the Code of Ordinances of Orange Village.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____, 2022

Council Presiding Officer

Submitted to the Mayor for
approval on this ____ day of _____, 2022

Approved by the Mayor this
____ day of _____ 2022

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor