

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PORT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO
ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO UTILIZE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF
DEVELOPMENT AND CITY OF CINCINNATI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority (“The Port”), together with the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation (“HCLRC”), has been awarded approximately \$28 Million in demolition and environmental remediation grant funds from the Ohio Department of Development (“ODOD”) to provide for the demolition and/or remediation of vacant and blighted industrial, commercial, and residential properties in Hamilton County (“ODOD Grants”); and

WHEREAS, The Port and the HCLRC have been awarded over \$3 Million in Welcome Home Ohio grant funds from ODOD for acquisition, construction, and or rehabilitation of residential properties in an effort to increase affordable housing stock in Hamilton County (“WHO Grant,” together with ODOD Grants, the “Grant Funds”); and

WHEREAS, much of the work funded with the Grant Funds is being undertaken in coordination with the HCLRC and community partners in furtherance of The Port’s housing and economic development goals; and

WHEREAS, The Port will from time-to-time need to enter into contracts in excess of the \$250,000 for Port undertakings that involve expenditures of Grant Funds specified in corresponding ODOD-authorized scopes of work; and

WHEREAS, Port staff desire additional flexibility to contract for the expenditure of grant funds to meet project timelines and comply with grant restrictions that sometimes include tight deadlines for expenditure of funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority:

Section 1. This Board hereby authorizes The Port to enter agreements and take such other actions as are necessary to implement and administer the Grant Funds in relation to Port undertakings involving demolition, remediation, and other scopes of work authorized by the City and ODOD, respectively. Additionally, the Board grants programmatic approval to enter and administer contracts using Grant Funds in excess of \$250,000 without further action by the Board. Construction-related contracts shall be bid in compliance with The Port’s previously approved Industrial and Neighborhood Strategy Contracting Processes, except that the President/CEO is hereby authorized to use expedited procurement processes (e.g., direct award or RFP process) if she determines that it is necessary to ensure timely expenditure of the grant funds in accordance with program requirements.

Section 2. This Board hereby finds and determines that such work furthers the mission of The Port.

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, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

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

Adopted: 9-11-24

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

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Chairperson

Laura L. Green
Attest: Secretary