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## Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee Meeting

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### Summary

- Bay Village is set to receive money for two electric bikes (ebikes) for police. Presenters said the ebikes will help the police serve their community and will provide a greater police presence in biking areas.
- The Salvation Army will be able to continue with programs for people experiencing homelessness, according to Beau Hill from the organization. Hill presented to ask for support for the [Salvation Army's Community Corrections Program](#), which the committee approved.
- The Edgewater North Homeowners Association is set to get \$25,000 for new security cameras that will be available to members as well as Cleveland Police, presenters said.

### Follow-Up Questions

- How are cameras still able to be used?
- What neighborhoods will people do community service in? *[Editor's note: The committee also advanced a contract providing for court-ordered community service].*

### Notes

*[Editor's note: Check out the [agenda](#) for more details about the following legislation].*

#### Resolution 2023-0351

A resolution for a total sum not to exceed \$10,000 for the Salvation Army Community Corrections Program from the District 9 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Grant Fund and declaring the necessity that this resolution become immediately effective. (Sponsored by Council Member Meredith Turner)

Council Member Yvonne Conwell (committee vice chair) asked questions regarding the

program.

Conwell: What will this grant do specifically?

Beau Hill from the Salvation Army explained it is for operating support for the [Community Corrections Program](#), which aims to help people who were formerly incarcerated re-enter society.

Conwell: Is North Point different from Salvation Army?

Hill: Yes, but they are connected. *[Editor's note: North Point is a separate program assisting people experiencing homelessness.]*

**This resolution passed for further review by the full council.**

Resolution 2023-0367

An award not to exceed \$10,297.98 to the city of Bay Village for the purpose of its Power Bike Project from the District 1 ARPA Community Grant Fund and declaring the necessity that this resolution became immediately effective. ( Sponsored by Council Member Patrick Kelly).

Bay Village Police Chief Robert Gillespie and Mayor Paul Koomar spoke.

**This resolution passed for further review by the full council.**

Resolution 2024-0001

An award not to exceed \$25,000 to the Edgewater North Homeowners' Association for an upgrade of security cameras from the District 3 ARPA Community Fund and declaring that it is necessary it be immediately effective. (Sponsored by Council Member Martin Sweeney).

Galen Schuerlein, president of the homeowners' association, and Darren Fran, chair of the association's security committee, spoke.

**This resolution passed for further review by the full council.**

Resolution 2024-0024

Authorizing a contract with [Court Community Service Inc.](#) in the amount not to exceed \$555,000 for the Community Works Service Placement and Supervision Program Services for the period of Jan. 1, 2024, to Dec. 31, 2026; authorizing the County

Executive to execute Contract No. 4022 and all other documents consistent with this resolution. (Sponsored by County Executive Chris Ronayne on behalf of Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas and the Corrections Planning Board).

Representation from Linda Lagunzad, interim administrator for the board.

**This resolution passed for further review by the full council.**

Resolution 2024-0030

An amendment to contract No. 2525 (formerly known as Contract No. 1791) with [Applewood Centers Inc.](#) for emergency respite and crisis bed services for youth referred by the [Coordinated Approach to Misdemeanors \(CALM\) Program](#) to extend the end of the contract from June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and for additional funds not to exceed \$1,029,949.61; authorizing the county executive to execute the amendment and for it to become immediately effective. (Sponsored by Ronayne on behalf of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas and Juvenile Court Division).

Representation: Melisa McDaniel and a court official from Juvenile Court.

The official proposed a substitute for the additional funds: \$849,511.43 instead of \$1,029,949.61.

Council Member Michael Gallagher (committee chair) motioned to accept the substitute. The motion was approved.

The official explained the grant would be used for emergency respite and crisis beds.

McDaniel said this contract also provides for Applewood to do mental health screenings and offer early intervention services.

Gallagher questioned why it took so long to ask for an extension. The official cited change in staff as one reason.

Conwell questioned who helps with the mental health services after children are screened. McDaniel: the court contracts with different providers to serve the children and also Applewood outsources some services to school-based and community programs.

Conwell questioned the ages of children served.

McDaniel: Technically, anyone under 18 at the time of an alleged offense. Have seen as young as 8 but typically between 12 and 18.

**This resolution passed for further review by the full council.**

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