

**Village of Mantua, Ohio
RESOLUTION 2012-43**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE “MOVING OHIO FORWARD” GRANT PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA AND THE PORTAGE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Portage County has recently been preliminarily approved for \$812,800.00 in funding through the “Moving Ohio Forward” grant program for the reduction of residential blight within Portage County; and

WHEREAS, the Portage County Land Reutilization Corporation has the authority to apply for financial assistance and to administer the amounts received from the Ohio Attorney General’s Office; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Mantua has identified a strategic need within the community and desires to participate in the Program in order to receive financial assistance for demolition under the program; and

WHEREAS, this Council now wishes to approve participation in the program and authorize the execution of any necessary documents, including a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with the PCLRC in order to clarify the roles of the various parties in relation to the administration of the program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Mantua, two-thirds or more of the members elected thereto concurring, that:

SECTION 1: This Council formally approves participation with the PCLRC in the “Moving Ohio Forward” grant program.

SECTION 2: This Council further authorizes and directs the Mayor of the Village of Mantua to execute any documents necessary to effect the participation of the Village in this grant program, including a Memorandum of Understanding with the PCLRC, in substantially the same form as set forth in “Exhibit A”, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3: It is hereby found and determined that all formal 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 any of its Committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, in order that the Memorandum of Understanding and related documents may be executed prior to the deadline set by the PCLRC of August 29, 2012, and for that reason this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon proper passage by the Council.

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PASSED AS EMERGENCY, this 17th day of July, 2012.

Attest:

Linda Clark, Mayor

Jenny August, Clerk of Council

I, Jenny August, Clerk of the Village of Mantua, Ohio, hereby certify that this Resolution was duly published by public posting at pre-designated posting places in the Village of Mantua.

Approved as to legal form:

Jenny August, Clerk of Council

Michele A. Stuck, Village Solicitor

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EXHIBIT A

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
Between
Portage County Land Reutilization Corporation (“PCLRC”)
and
The Village of Mantua**

A. Introduction

Pursuant to the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program, established by a nationwide settlement agreement with five of the nation’s largest mortgage services on March 12, 2012, the State of Ohio received \$93 million dollars. The Ohio Attorney General’s Office (“OAG”) is responsible for administering those funds, and a portion of those funds are to be allocated to each county in Ohio to demolish vacant, abandoned, and blighted properties. The OAG has designated the PCLRC as the lead entity and anticipates allocating \$812,800 in Moving Ohio Grant Program funding to the PLCRC for Portage County, Ohio.

B. Scope and Purpose of the MOU

This MOU is intended to specify the various roles and responsibilities of the PLRC and _____ regarding the utilization and administration of the Moving Ohio Forward Grant funding that has been allocated to the PLCRC as the lead entity for Portage County, Ohio.

C. Terms of the MOU

PCLRC and _____ hereby agree as follows:

The PCLRC will submit all application materials to the OAG requesting Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program funding for demolishing vacant, abandoned, and blighted properties in Portage County. The application materials will designate vacant, abandoned, and blighted properties in Portage County as “properties of greatest need” and will identify demolitions to be funded through the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program that will be implemented in the “properties of greatest need.”

The PCLRC will act as the designated lead entity for Portage County and will be responsible for preparing and submitting all application materials for the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program funding. _____ will be responsible for administering the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program demolitions for the PCLRC and Portage County once funds are awarded. The PCLRC, acting in its capacity as the designated lead entity, agrees to ensure that the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program funding is administered according to all rules, regulations, and provisions set forth by the OAG, unless specifically waived by the OAG.

_____ hereby agrees to provide any required data, reports, and information required by the PCLRC in order for the PCLRC to successfully complete its Moving Ohio

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Forward Grant Program administrative responsibilities with regard to its role as the designated lead entity.

_____ will implement demolition projects to designated “properties of greatest need,” which have been deemed vacant, abandoned, or blighted properties in accordance to all rules, regulations, and provisions set forth by the OAG, unless specifically waived by the OAG.

The PCLRC and _____ agree to act in a timely manner in the application process and to complete any required reporting after grant funds have been awarded, in order to ensure compliance with the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program requirements and/or any requirements stipulated by OAG.

The PCLRC, to the extent practical, will keep other communities in Portage County, as listed in this MOU, informed concerning implementation of the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program funding in their community.

D. Period of MOU

The PCLRC and _____ hereby agree that this MOU will remain in effect until a written agreement(s) is entered into with the PCLRC acting as the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program funding Grantee and _____ acting as a Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program Subrecipient(s), or until termination or suspension of the Moving Ohio Grant Program by state law(s) or changes to the OAG rules, regulations, or provisions.

E. Modification of the MOU

This MOU may be modified or amended by written agreement of the PCLRC and _____. A request for an amendment to the MOU may be initiated by either the PCLRC or _____ through written notification.

Now therefore, the PCLRC and _____ do hereby agree to the aforementioned terms of this MOU as of _____, as evidenced by the following signatures:

By: _____ Approved as to Form: _____
Vicki Kline, Chairman, PCLRC Assistant Prosecutor,
Portage County

By: _____ Approved as to Form: _____
Christopher Smeiles, Vice-Chair, PCLRC Assistant Prosecutor
Portage County

By: _____ Approved as to Form: _____
Treasurer, PCLRC Assistant Prosecutor
Portage County

By: _____ Approved as to Form: _____
Linda S. Clark, Mayor Solicitor
Village of Mantua