City of Cleveland Community Benefit Policy

A priority since elected in 2006, Mayor Jackson has consistently stated that “Self Help” (buy local, hire local, procure local) is essential for the City to ensure a prosperous regional economy through which Clevelanders benefit. Today, the City of Cleveland is formally establishing a Community Benefit Policy to help further institutionalize this “Self Help” approach to investing in Cleveland.

After thorough research of other municipalities across the country operating with community benefit policies, the City of Cleveland learned that it had the essential foundation of a Community Benefit Policy because of its existing ordinances and administrative practices. The components of this policy are not new to the City; rather, they represent a compilation of Codified Ordinances and administrative practices that are in existence and implemented through the Mayor’s Office of Equal Opportunity in partnership with other City Departments.

The following Codified Ordinances administered through the Mayor’s Office of Equal Opportunity coupled with the administrative practices of the Mayor’s Office of Sustainability represent the components of the City of Cleveland’s Community Benefit Policy.

**Codified Ordinances:**
- C.O. 123.08 Prevailing Wage
- C.O. 187 The Cleveland Area Business Code
- C.O. 187 A Local Producer Sustainable Business
- C.O. 188 The Cleveland Resident Employment Law
- C.O. 189 Cleveland Fair Employment Law

**Administrative Policies & Practices:**
City of Cleveland Sustainable Municipal Building Policy:
The policy requires that green building practices are incorporated into the siting, design, construction, remodeling, repair, maintenance, operation, and deconstruction of all City facilities.

**Note:** On occasion, additional community benefits may be applied on a per project basis.