

Mayor Justin Bibb proposes investing \$40 million of American Rescue Plan Act funding on education, jobs, workforce development and modern technology

Monday, January 9, 2023 — Cleveland
Tonight, Mayor Justin M. Bibb will introduce to Cleveland City Council over \$40 million in proposed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) investments focused on education, jobs, democracy, and the modernization of city services.

“The pandemic has been hard on all of us, especially our kids and our families. My administration remains focused on helping provide the necessary supports that students, educators, and parents need as we continue to come out of the pandemic,” said Mayor Bibb. “These critical initiatives will help accelerate progress on literacy, mental health, and engagement.”

“These ARPA funds are once-in-a-lifetime investments in Cleveland’s future,” Bibb added. “That’s why we’re focusing on the building blocks of a stronger tomorrow: our kids, our workers, and our civic fabric. It’s this kind of catalytic investment in the things that matter most that will ensure Cleveland thrives for generations to come.”

This docket of ARPA proposals includes: Education for Everyone (\$16.68M)

- Coordinated Supports to Catch Students Up: These initiatives serve to develop and

scale innovative education practices that work, further engage families in their students’ learning, and ensure all early learners have supports for reading.

– Education Pathways to Good Jobs:

Education is a critical pathway toward family-sustaining wages for all Clevelanders. This initiative aims to re-engage residents whose educational pathway was disrupted during COVID and to establish stronger career pathway planning for Cleveland students in grades 6-12.

– Integrated Health Initiative:

Integrate health services into CMSD schools to provide students with physical and mental services on-site and remotely, build trust in healthcare, increase health literacy, and destigmatize mental health.

Inclusive Economic Recovery (\$13.5M)

– Built Environment Workforce Development:



Grow the workforce pipeline in high-demand good jobs in “built environment” sectors (construction, transit, green infrastructure, broadband, lead and brownfield remediation), with specific metrics to bring more Black, Latinx, and women workers into the skilled trades and other occupations that build the community around us.

– Site Acquisition and

Development:

Acquire, remediate, and prepare commercial sites for business development and growth along Opportunity Corridor, ultimately attracting more jobs to the City.

Modernizing City Hall (\$4M)

– 311 Digital Government Software:

To better provide essential City services, this initiative will modernize 311 operations with a digital resident engagement platform and revamped call intake capabilities.

Violence Prevention and Public Safety (\$0.85M)

– Violence Prevention Strategic Plan:

Engage the community in the development of a long-term violence prevention strategic plan.

Civic Participation Fund (\$5.5M)

– Participatory Budgeting: Enables

residents to propose and vote for projects in their neighborhoods by piloting a participatory budgeting process, a new investment in Cleveland’s civic infrastructure which lets community decide how to spend part of a public budget.



CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Justin M. Bibb

Spotlight on the Environment: Debriefing COP27 and the Global Water Crisis



January 18 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
The United Nations Climate Conference (COP27) held in Sharm el-Sheik in November

2022 resulted in a landmark agreement to develop a dedicated fund to assist developing countries in responding to loss and damage that may result from climate change. A delegation of Cleveland leaders traveled to Egypt to participate in the conference and witness the

process. They will share their experience and observations about global climate change negotiations.

Michael Jeans is the CEO of Growth Opportunity Partners. Stephen Love is the Cleveland Foundation’s program director for Environmental Initiatives. John Mitterholzer is the Gund Foundation’s program director for Climate and Environmental Justice.

In addition, Jeff Opperman, Global Freshwater Lead Scientist for the World Wildlife Fund, will address the looming global water crisis in the context of international efforts on climate change, including the COP27 process.

Schedule:

5:30 PM Reception

6:00 PM Program begins

6:45 PM Q&A

7:15 PM Program concludes

Admission: Non-Members \$25; Members \$15; Students admitted free with support from the Dr. and Mrs. Wael and Sawssan Khoury Students’ Fund.

Location: The Union Club, 1211 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

Parking: Parking at the Union Club is \$10 for valet service. Additional parking options include other lots in the downtown area and street parking. CCWA also encourages walking, biking, or public transportation.

誠邀所有朋友積極參與阿克倫農曆年活動

瑞虎辭舊歲,玉兔迎新春!春節承載着中國淵源、悠久的歷史文化,是每位中國人及海外華人最重要的節日。近年來隨着中國影響力的不斷提陞,春節活動在海外也受到當地的高度關注和參與,而美國作為族裔背景多元化的移民社會,春節已逐漸成為影響力最大的傳統民族節日之一。美國華人在與其他民族交往、融合的過程中,從來沒有真正地放棄自己的文化。在美華人不僅傳承了年夜飯、送紅包、貼倒福的傳統風俗,還在公共場合組織大型的新春慶祝活動,真正擴大了中國春節在美國的影響力,讓不會中文的外國友人們,到了春節也會有模有樣地抱拳拱手,跟華人朋友道一聲“新年好”、“恭喜恭喜”,春節逐漸成爲一種全民性的文化活動。

我所任教的阿克倫市位於俄亥俄州東北部,人口約30萬,20世紀20年代初期已成為“世界橡膠之都”,著名NBA球星勒布朗·詹姆斯和史蒂芬·庫里都出生於該市。今年是我在阿克倫STEM中學任教的第十二年,除了兩年疫情外,每年春節前後,我都會在學校舉辦全校範圍的春節慶祝表演,這已成為STEM學校的傳統活動。可惜過去兩年因爲疫情,學校不得不停止各種聚集活動,這也是很多學生的一大遺憾。

令人驚訝的是,在2022年疫情還肆虐的虎年,阿克倫市政府竟然出面籌劃、舉辦了中國新年的慶祝活動。作爲STEM學校的資深中文老師,本人有幸被邀爲這次慶祝活動出謀劃策。爲了確保春節慶祝活動的成功舉辦,我不僅請了克利夫蘭本地的舞獅隊、腰鼓隊和變臉師傅,還特意從哥倫布市請來了武術大師展示博大精深的中華武術精華。另外,我可愛的一群十二、三歲的STEM中學的學生都很踴躍地參與了活動,不僅表演了舞龍,而且還作爲形象大使大大活躍了活動的氣氛。市政府最後特意安排了煙花燃放,完美地烘托了節日的氣氛。雖整體大環境不樂觀,但虎年慶祝活動也迎來了一千多位熱情的觀眾捧場。

由於虎年活動的成功舉行,在本地掀起了多元

化的文化熱潮,阿克倫市政府很早就開始準備籌劃更大的兔年農曆年慶祝活動,而我也從夏天就開始忙碌起來了。因爲這次活動要在更大的室內劇院舉辦,如何熱鬧歡慶農曆年就需要更多的人手和高質量的節目。舞龍舞獅、傳統武術、太極表演、各種文化舞蹈必然是本次表演的傳統節目,另外還要充分體現本地社區其他不同的亞洲文化,鼓勵多元化文化的社區投入,我們邀請了阿克倫Karen社區的參與,將兔年春節慶祝更名爲兔年農曆年慶祝,充分體現了中國文化的兼容性。

通過阿克倫市中國新年慶祝活動的成功舉辦,我的感受是中國春節不僅是華人獨有的節日,而是像聖誕節一樣,更加成爲了世界性的喜慶日子。我相信這種形式的現場文化表演要比我在教室上一節100分鐘的文化課更有感染力;這種大型文化活動也會潛移默化地提高美國人對中國語言和文化的興趣和理解,給他們留下深刻的印象。我深深體會到了作爲一名中文語言和文化傳播者的光榮和職責,爲準備慶祝新年活動的疲勞和緊張感與活動帶來的成功相比已經不算什麼了。最近一周,我陸續會收到從初中畢業的各屆學生的郵件,敘說他們懷念中學的春節活動,希望能參與2023年的春節慶,這就是對一個普通外語老師付出的回報。

在此我特別感謝阿克倫市政府籌劃兔年農曆年慶祝活動,也同時感謝其他共同參與策劃的阿克倫大學、Asian Inc., Lock 3, Knight Foundation等單位以及我自己STEM學校的大力支持,並由衷感謝爲這次活動成功舉辦的表演嘉賓包括哥倫布市的高師傅、阿克倫武壇、Stellar Acrobatic Dance Academy、克利夫蘭Glory腰鼓隊和阿克倫中文學校,期待着他們的精彩演出。

我期待着1月28日阿克倫農曆年活動的成功舉行,並誠摯邀請附近社區的所有朋友和您的家人積極參與,讓我們共同歡慶阿克倫市的農曆新年慶祝活動!

阿克倫STEM中學老師梁晴

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