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Inaugural Public Meeting of Greater Cleveland American Rescue Plan Coalition Features Key City and County Leaders

County Executive Armond Budish, Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb, Cleveland City Council President Blaine Griffin, and County Councilman Dale Miller will be speaking to the audience at the first Public Meeting of the Greater Cleveland American Rescue Plan Coalition on **May 16, 2022 from 9:00 – 11:00am**, held in Cleveland State University's Student Center Ballroom. The event will also be livestreamed on YouTube.

"We are thrilled to have these key leaders at one table to learn about their approaches to spending these recovery dollars," said Kate Warren, the Director of the GCARP Coalition. "We know the pandemic has exacerbated many of the disparities that previously existed in our community, and we will ask them how they plan to strategically invest these funds to address the most pressing issues facing Greater Cleveland."

"The American Rescue Plan Act represents one of the largest single federal investments in local and state governments in the nation's history. This meeting is first in a series to help educate stakeholders about key programs and initiatives that are being funded by recovery dollars, so this opportunity isn't wasted," said John Corlett, President and Executive Director of The Center for Community Solutions. The Coalition will be tracking ARP spending, and equipping grassroots organizations to advocate for and access funding.

The GCARP Coalition welcomes all in the community, including strategic leadership from private non-profit organizations, philanthropy, state and local governments, community-based organizations who comprise our Steering Committee:

Name	Organization
Orion Bell	Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging
Joe Cimperman	Global Cleveland
Dan Cohn	Mt. Sinai Health Foundation
Jessica Colombi	Cleveland City Council
John Corlett	The Center for Community Solutions
Becky Eby	Cuyahoga County
Marcia Egbert	The George Gund Foundation
Joan Englund	Mental Health and Addiction Advocacy Coalition (MHAC)
Maria Foschia	Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry
Joe Frolik	MetroHealth
Melanie Hogan	Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (LEAP)
Andrew Katusin	Cleveland Foundation
Rick Kemm	May Dugan Center

Bri King Greater Cleveland Partnership

Chris Knestrick Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH)

Jazmin Long Birthing Beautiful Communities Emily Lundgard Enterprise Community Partners

Evelyn Burnett Thirdspace Action Lab

Nancy Mendez Starting Point

Daniel Ortiz Policy Matters Ohio / Participatory Budgeting CLE

Selina Pagan Young Latino Network

Jill Paulsen Cuyahoga Arts and Culture

Claire Rosacco Cuyahoga Community College

Tiffany Scruggs Greater Cleveland Food Bank

Brian Siggers Ohio Environmental Council

Ed Stockhausen Cleveland Neighborhood Progress Ken Surratt United Way of Greater Cleveland

Anne Tillie Cleveland City Council

Elaine Tso ASIA Inc

Kate Warren The Center for Community Solutions

Brad Whitehead Fund for Our Economic Future

This event is open to the public. Registration is required: https://commsols.com/GCARPC-May16