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MOTION

We hereby move that additional funding is appropriated as described below, in Cincinnati's fiscal year 2021-2022 budget.

Operating

Black and Brown Artist Fund – \$75,000

Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) – \$250,000

Citizens Complaint Authority (CCA) – \$490,000

The Children's Home – \$100,000

Capital

Pedestrian Safety Program (Vision Zero) – \$750,000

Street Calming Projects – \$600,000

Caracole – \$90,000

Contemporary Arts Center (CAC) – \$350,000

We further move that the administration consider Position Vacancy Allowance (PCs) as the primary source of funding for these appropriations. Additional funding sources should include the fund balances from operating and capital projects, and other recommended sources from the administration.

STATEMENT

We should include the additional funding for the critical projects, initiatives, and programs above.

Programs like the **Black and Brown Artists fund** — wherein we partner with ArtWorks to support local creative talent — and organizations like the **Contemporary Arts Center**, help nurture Cincinnati's vibrant culture, and make us a better, more empathetic place.

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While we are making great strides in our pedestrian safety initiatives, in large part to the advocacy of Vision Zero, as of 2020, we still had the 2nd highest number of crashes in any city in Ohio, the #1 crash rate per population, and the highest crash density per square mile. Thirty-three of Ohio's most dangerous intersections are in Greater Cincinnati. It's a children and families issue, it's a disability issue, it's an equity issue, and it's a community issue. We should budget a significantly higher amount for **pedestrian safety and street calming projects**.

A city that cannot work to guarantee the safety of its residents is a city that can not thrive. We should work to ensure safety and security in Cincinnati are guaranteed for all — no matter race, gender, class, disability, or sexuality. With domestic violence having risen rapidly during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that we fully fund one of our most successful public safety projects: **DVERT**. Furthermore, we should consider these funds for FY22 and beyond to be a continuing program, and not for one-time use. We should also fully fund the **Citizens Complaint Authority**, in acknowledgment of the importance of accountability and transparency in public safety, and a re-commitment to a cornerstone of the Collaborative Agreement.

Organizations like **Caracole** — who care for and empower Cincinnati residents living with AIDS through outreach, prevention, and housing support — and **The Children's Home** — who help to advance work experiences and opportunities for young adults with mental and behavioral health conditions — are the *heart* of our city. We should guarantee they have the funding to continue to execute their important services.

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