

EMERGENCY

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- 2024

AUTHORIZING the payment of \$60,000 from the Department of Community and Economic Development General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x0000x7289 as a moral obligation to McCormack Baron Salazar for consulting services provided to the City regarding the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant application process.

WHEREAS, in August 2023, the City began negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (“CMHA”) as part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) application process for the Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant for the West End Choice Neighborhoods Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the City and CMHA intended to submit a fiscal year 2023 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant application, with McCormack Baron Salazar (“MBS”) providing consulting services as co-developer to prepare the application and lead the development team in refining, augmenting, and finalizing the grant plan; and

WHEREAS, after MBS conducted consulting services related to this grant application, the City Administration decided that it would not be proceeding with the 2023 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Application; and

WHEREAS, sufficient resources are available in Department of Community and Economic Development General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x0000x7289 to pay for the services provided to the City by MBS; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to pay \$60,000 to MBS for services provided to the City related to the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant application process; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay \$60,000 from the Department of Community and Economic Development General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x0000x7289 as a moral obligation to McCormack Baron Salazar (“MBS”) for services provided to the City related to the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant application process.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay MBS in a timely manner for consulting services provided to the City.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk