

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

An Ordinance No. _____

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- 2020

AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$150,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$150,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Community and Economic Development's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x161x7200 for the purpose of providing for contractual services to conduct an analysis necessary to implement a tiered residential tax abatement program; and **AUTHORIZING** the designation of \$250,000 of the \$1,000,000 included in the Approved FY 2021 Budget Update for the Community Safety Response Program be designated for the Women Helping Women's Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) program.

WHEREAS, the research and design of a tiered residential tax abatement program would continue to encourage residential development in neighborhoods that are already experiencing growth by further incentivizing residential development in neighborhoods that have lacked similar investment and strengthening the incentive for rehabilitation of existing residential properties in high-investment neighborhoods, thus relieving the unintended economic pressure to tear down and build new versus rehabilitate when appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to authorize an appropriation to the Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$150,000 to provide funding for contractual services to conduct an analysis necessary to implement a tiered residential tax abatement program; and

WHEREAS, Women Helping Women (WHW) and the Cincinnati Police Department currently have a partnership by which the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) provides advocates who are trauma informed experts to meet officers on scene to support a survivor of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, these experts use their training to assist survivors by giving them support, resources, vouchers, legal assistance, and options for how to keep themselves and their family safe; and

WHEREAS, due to the fundraising interruption as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, WHW's DVERT program has a funding gap of \$250,000 needed to sustain this innovative program and increase the number of survivors served by more than 20 percent by providing support to an additional 200 adults and 400 children experiencing trauma; and

WHEREAS, across the city, there has been a spike in domestic violence, with WHW seeing a 53% increase of calls into their crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to designate \$250,000 of the \$1,000,000 included in the City Manager's Office Approved FY 2021 Operating Budget Update for the Community Safety Response Program for the WHW's DVERT program; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council hereby authorizes the transfer of the sum of \$150,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

Section 2. That the sum of \$150,000 is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Community and Economic Development's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x161x7200 for the purpose of providing for contractual services to conduct an analysis necessary to implement a tiered residential tax abatement program.

Section 3. That Council hereby designates \$250,000 of the \$1,000,000 included in the Approved FY 2021 Budget Update for the Community Safety Response Program be designated for the Women Helping Women's Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) program.

Section 4. That the appropriate City officers are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Sections 1 through 3 herein.

Section 5. 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 accomplish the authorized transfers and appropriations so that the funding

described herein is in place immediately and so that the necessary expenditures described herein may be made as soon as possible.

Passed: _____, 2020

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk