



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final

Budget and Finance Committee

Chairperson Reggie Harris
Vice Chair Jeff Cramerding
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Anna Albi
Councilmember Meeka Owens
Councilmember Seth Walsh
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks

Monday, April 15, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

AGENDA

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

- [202401062](#) ORDINANCE, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of \$3,765 from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation to create a historical marker in Cincinnati's historic Dunbar Community.
Sponsors: Jeffreys
Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)
- [202401078](#) ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$349,136 from the Ohio Department of Health's Community and Faith Based Infant and Maternal Health Support Services program to improve maternal health and birth outcomes by increasing prenatal and postpartum doctors' visits and supporting nutrition of mothers; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.
Sponsors: City Manager
Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)
- [202401068](#) ORDINANCE, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$54,600 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office, Drive to Succeed 2024 Grant, to provide community-based scholarships to eligible students for driver education training; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to

deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 24DTS.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

4. [202401070](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$191,362 from the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program (ALN 21.027) to install public Wi-Fi infrastructure at various Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) park locations; and AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Recreation Federal Grant Projects Fund 324x8551.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

5. [202401063](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of a therapy dog, related equipment and supplies, and training services from K9s for Warriors, valued at up to \$8,093, to be used by the Cincinnati Police Department's Peer Support Team.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

6. [202401076](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a scholarship donation valued at up to \$3,300 from the National Association for City Transportation Officials ("NACTO") for one Department of Transportation and Engineering employee to attend the NACTO Designing Cities 2024 Conference on May 7 - 10, 2024 in Miami, Florida.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

7. [202401073](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$5,000,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3425, "Affordable Housing," to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of

Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7200 to provide resources for the Cincinnati Development Fund (CDF) to use for affordable housing initiatives; AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$280,000 from the balance sheet reserve account no. 102x3443, "Hampton Inn Garage - Reserve for Capital Projects," to the unappropriated surplus of Parking System Facilities Fund 102; and AUTHORIZING the transfer and appropriation of \$280,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Parking System Facilities Fund 102 to the Division of Parking Facilities non-personnel operating budget account no. 102x248x7200 to provide resources to fulfill contractual obligations to 3000 Vine, LLC.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

URBAN FORESTRY ASSESSMENT

8. [202401047](#) ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY), submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, ESTABLISHING the 2025 Urban Forestry Program Assessment Equalization Board, appointing three members thereto, and setting the time and place for hearings.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES

9. [202401081](#) ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 4/10/2024, AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the replacement of pedestrian bridges with a new shared-use path bridge over Interstate 71, Interstate 471, and U.S. Route 22 from Van Meter Street, in the Mount Adams neighborhood, to East Court Street in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's bridge construction and maintenance project in the City of Cincinnati.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

MOTIONS

10. [202400982](#) MOTION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, Councilmembers Johnson and Parks, WE MOVE that the City of Cincinnati reposition the Center for Closing the Health Gap as a line item in its operating budget - as it was historically - and remove it from the category of Human Services.

The Center for Closing the Health Gap is not a human services provider. Rather, its mission is to eliminate racial and health disparities in the Greater Cincinnati community through education, advocacy, and outreach targeting the African American, Latino, and White Appalachian populations. The vision of Closing the Health Gap is to make Greater Cincinnati a healthier region for all. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Sponsors: Kearney, Johnson and Parks

Attachments: [Motion](#)

BUDGET POLICY MOTION

11. [202401138](#) MOTION, dated 04/12/2024, submitted by Councilmembers Harris, Albi, Walsh, Owens, Parks, Cramerding, Jeffreys, Johnson and Vice Mayor Kearney; Council Budget Policy Direction to City Administration for FY25 Budget Update; WE MOVE that the City Administration prepare a Fiscal Year 2025 Recommended General Fund Budget which respects the following policy guidelines and priorities: (BALANCE ON FILE IN CLERK'S OFFICE)

Sponsors: Harris, Albi, Walsh, Owens, Parks, Cramerding, Jeffreys, Johnson and Kearney

Attachments: [Budget Motion](#)

ADJOURNMENT

2024010102

Date: April 10, 2024

To: Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *ESW*
Subject: **Ordinance – Grant Historical Marker in Dunbar Community**

Transmitted herewith is an ordinance captioned as follows:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of \$3,765 from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation to create a historical marker in Cincinnati's historic Dunbar Community.

ESW/IMD(dmm)
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EESW

An Ordinance No. _____

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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of \$3,765 from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation to create a historical marker in Cincinnati’s historic Dunbar Community.

WHEREAS, a grant is available from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation (the “Foundation”) to fund the creation of a historical marker in Cincinnati’s historic Dunbar Community; and

WHEREAS, the Dunbar Community, previously called Corsica Hollow, was an African American neighborhood that once existed on the western edge of Madisonville, and the historical marker will provide a brief history of the Dunbar Community by detailing prominent residents and significant events since 1886; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio History Connection (“OHC”) receives applications to create historical markers throughout Ohio, and the option to apply for funding from the Foundation is included within each application to the Ohio History Connection; and

WHEREAS, the City already applied to OHC for a historical marker in the Dunbar Community, which included an application to the Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation agreed to provide \$3,765 to OHC on behalf of the City for the creation of the Dunbar Community historical marker, but the City will not accept this grant without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, because OHC’s full cost to manufacture the historical marker is \$4,145, an additional \$380 is required to create the historical signage, and existing funding in the City Manager’s Office will be used to cover this difference; and

WHEREAS, the grant does not require a local match, and no FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with the grant; and

WHEREAS, the installation of a historical marker in the Dunbar community is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as well as the strategy to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods” as described on pages 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for and accept a grant of \$3,765 from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation to create a historical marker in Cincinnati’s historic Dunbar Community.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and 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 accept the grant for the historical marker in a timely manner.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

April 10, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202401078

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – Health: Ohio Department of Health Community and Faith Based Infant and Maternal Health Support Services Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$349,136 from the Ohio Department of Health’s Community and Faith Based Infant and Maternal Health Support Services program to improve maternal health and birth outcomes by increasing prenatal and postpartum doctors’ visits and supporting nutrition of mothers; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$349,136 from the Ohio Department of Health’s Community and Faith Based Infant and Maternal Health Support Services program (CFB Grant) for the purpose of improving maternal health and birth outcomes by increasing prenatal and postpartum doctors’ visits and supporting nutrition of mothers. The Ordinance further authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

The City already applied for this grant on March 6, 2024, and received a notice of award on March 11, 2024, but no grant funds will be accepted without the approval of the City Council.

The grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the grant.

Acceptance and use of the CFB Grant is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 181-192 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$349,136 from the Ohio Department of Health’s Community and Faith Based Infant and Maternal Health Support Services program to improve maternal health and birth outcomes by increasing prenatal and postpartum doctors’ visits and supporting nutrition of mothers; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Health Department (“CHD”) strives to protect the safety of children and reduce infant mortality rates; and

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$349,136 is available from the Ohio Department of Health’s Community and Faith Based Infant and Maternal Health Support Services program (the “CFB Grant”) to fund CHD’s efforts to improve maternal health and birth outcomes by increasing prenatal and postpartum doctors’ visits and supporting nutrition of mothers; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for the CFB Grant on March 6, 2024 and received a notice of award on March 11, 2024, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, the CFB Grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the CFB Grant; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and use of the CFB Grant is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 181-192 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$349,136 from the Ohio Department of Health’s Community and Faith Based Infant and Maternal Health Support Services program to improve maternal health and birth outcomes by increasing prenatal and postpartum doctors’ visits and supporting nutrition of mothers.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

April 10, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202401068

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – Police: FY 2024 Drive to Succeed Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$54,600 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office, Drive to Succeed 2024 Grant, to provide community-based scholarships to eligible students for driver education training; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 24DTS.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$54,600 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO), Drive to Succeed 2024 Grant, to provide community-based scholarships to eligible students for driver education training. This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 24DTS.

The grant aims to expand access to teen driver training. The grant will address the localized needs of the community while establishing relationships between local law enforcement and the populations served.

The grant application deadline was March 15, 2024, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council. The grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on pages 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$54,600 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office, Drive to Succeed 2024 Grant, to provide community-based scholarships to eligible students for driver education training; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 24DTS.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$54,600 is available from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office, Drive to Succeed 2024 Grant program to provide community-based scholarships to eligible students for driver education training; and

WHEREAS, the grant will address the localized needs of the community while establishing relationships between local law enforcement and the populations served; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline was March 15, 2024, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on pages 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$54,600 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office, Drive to Succeed 2024 Grant, to provide community-based scholarships to eligible students for driver education training.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 24DTS.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk



April 10, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202401070

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – CRC: Hamilton County Public Wi-Fi Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$191,362 from the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program (ALN 21.027) to install public Wi-Fi infrastructure at various Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) park locations; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Recreation Federal Grant Projects Fund 324x8551.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$191,362 from the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program to install public Wi-Fi infrastructure at various Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) park locations. Additionally, the Emergency Ordinance authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Recreation Federal Grant Projects Fund revenue account no. 324x8551.

Broadband infrastructure has been shown to be critical for work, education, health care and civic participation. Installation of broadband infrastructure in CRC park locations will expand the public's access to broadband internet service.

Acceptance of this grant requires no matching funds. There are no additional FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant. The City already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Providing resources for the installation of public Wi-Fi infrastructure at ten CRC park locations is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "[b]uild a robust public life" and strategy to "[d]evelop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces to encourage social interaction between different types of people" as described on pages 149-151 of Plan Cincinnati.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant resources in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$191,362 from the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program (ALN 21.027) to install public Wi-Fi infrastructure at various Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) park locations; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Recreation Federal Grant Projects Fund 324x8551.

WHEREAS, United Way of Greater Cincinnati is administering Hamilton County American Rescue Plan/State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds via the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program; and

WHEREAS, there is a grant of up to \$191,362 available from the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program to install public Wi-Fi infrastructure at ten Cincinnati Recreation Commission (“CRC”) park locations; and

WHEREAS, broadband infrastructure has been shown to be critical for work, education, health care, and civic participation, and installation of broadband infrastructure in CRC park locations will expand the public’s access to broadband internet service; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant requires no matching funds, and no new permanent FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with acceptance of this grant; and

WHEREAS, the City already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, the installation of public Wi-Fi infrastructure at ten CRC park locations is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[b]uild a robust public life” and strategy to “[d]evelop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces to encourage social interaction between different types of people” as described on pages 149-151 of Plan Cincinnati; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$191,362 from the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program (ALN 21.027) to install public Wi-Fi infrastructure at ten Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) park locations.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Recreation Federal Grant Projects Fund 324x8551.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of 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 accept the grant resources in a timely manner.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

April 10, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Police: Acceptance of In-Kind Donation of Therapy Dog from K9s for Warriors**

202401063

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of a therapy dog, related equipment and supplies, and training services from K9s for Warriors, valued at up to \$8,093, to be used by the Cincinnati Police Department’s Peer Support Team.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of a therapy dog, related equipment and supplies, and training services from K9s for Warriors, valued at up to \$8,093, to be used by the Cincinnati Police Department’s Peer Support Team.

K9s for Warriors is a non-profit organization that provides highly trained service dogs to military veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury, or military sexual trauma. K9s for Warriors Station Dog Program provides therapy dogs to law enforcement and first responder agencies to help ease the emotional stress and trauma that is common in public safety service.

K9s for Warriors has generously agreed to donate a therapy dog, vest, leash, identification patch, equipment bag, crate, other miscellaneous items, transportation, and placement training to the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) for use by the CPD Peer Support Team. CPD’s Peer Support Team provides confidential support to assist with trauma and stress, and the therapy dog will be available at the Wellness Unit, the police districts, and all other CPD facilities as needed.

This in-kind donation does not require matching funds or additional FTEs/full time equivalents.

Acceptance of this donation is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[d]ecrease mortality and chronic and acute diseases” as described on pages 181 and 187-188 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the donated therapy dog, as it is currently in foster care awaiting acceptance.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Directors
Karen Alder, Finance Director



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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of a therapy dog, related equipment and supplies, and training services from K9s for Warriors, valued at up to \$8,093, to be used by the Cincinnati Police Department’s Peer Support Team.

WHEREAS, K9s for Warriors is a non-profit organization that provides highly trained service dogs to military veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury, or military sexual trauma; and

WHEREAS, K9s for Warriors’ Station Dog Program provides therapy dogs to law enforcement and first responder agencies to help ease the emotional stress and trauma that is common in public safety service; and

WHEREAS, K9s for Warriors has generously agreed to donate a therapy dog, vest, leash, identification patch, equipment bags, crate, other miscellaneous items, transportation, and placement training to the Cincinnati Police Department (“CPD”) for use by the CPD Peer Support Team; and

WHEREAS, CPD’s Peer Support Team provides confidential support to assist with trauma and stress, and the therapy dog will be available at the Wellness Unit, the police districts, and all other CPD facilities as needed; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this in-kind donation requires no matching funds, and no FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with acceptance of this in-kind donation; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this donation is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[d]ecrease mortality and chronic and acute diseases” as described on pages 181 and 187-188 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept an in-kind donation of a therapy dog, related equipment and supplies, and training services from K9s for Warriors, valued at up to \$8,093, to be used by the Cincinnati Police Department’s Peer Support Team.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms 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 accept the donated therapy dog, as it is currently in foster care awaiting acceptance.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

April 10, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202401076

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: NACTO Scholarship

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a scholarship donation valued at up to \$3,300 from the National Association for City Transportation Officials (“NACTO”) for one Department of Transportation and Engineering employee to attend the NACTO Designing Cities 2024 Conference on May 7 – 10, 2024 in Miami, Florida.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept a scholarship donation valued at up to \$3,300 from the National Association for City Transportation Officials (“NACTO”) for one Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) employee to attend the NACTO Designing Cities 2024 Conference from May 7 – 10, 2024 in Miami, Florida.

The NACTO conference convenes 1,000 officials, planners, and practitioners to advance the state of transportation in cities across North America, with values centered around safety, climate, equity, sustainable growth, and regional collaboration. The scholarship donation, valued at up to \$3,300, from NACTO will cover the employee’s attendance cost at the conference, airfare, lodging, and a \$300 stipend.

Acceptance of this scholarship donation requires no matching funds, and no new FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with acceptance of this donation.

Acceptance of this scholarship donation is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” and strategy to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods,” as well as the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 156, 160-162 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the scholarship donation prior to the NACTO Designing Cities 2024 Conference registration deadline of April 17, 2024.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment

EMERGENCY

CNS

-2024

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a scholarship donation valued at up to \$3,300 from the National Association for City Transportation Officials (“NACTO”) for one Department of Transportation and Engineering employee to attend the NACTO Designing Cities 2024 Conference on May 7 – 10, 2024 in Miami, Florida.

WHEREAS, from May 7 – 10, 2024, one Department of Transportation and Engineering (“DOTE”) employee has an opportunity to attend the National Association for City Transportation Officials (“NACTO”) Designing Cities 2024 Conference in Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the NACTO conference convenes 1,000 officials, planners, and practitioners to advance the state of transportation in cities across North America, with values centered around safety, climate, equity, sustainable growth, and regional collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the conference is related to the DOTE employee’s official duties; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship donation valued at up to \$3,300 from NACTO will cover the employee’s attendance cost at the conference, airfare, lodging, and a \$300 stipend; and

WHEREAS, the travel costs are commensurate and customary with the ordinary cost of travel to Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this scholarship donation requires no matching funds, and no new FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with acceptance of this donation; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this scholarship donation is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” and strategy to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods,” as well as the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 156, 160-162 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept a scholarship donation valued at up to \$3,300 from the National Association for City Transportation Officials (“NACTO”) for one Department of Transportation and Engineering employee to attend the NACTO Designing Cities 2024 Conference on May 7 – 10, 2024 in Miami Florida.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the scholarship donation and 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 accept the scholarship donation prior to the NACTO Designing Cities 2024 Conference registration deadline of April 17, 2024.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

April 10, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202401073

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DCED: Mid-Year Budget Adjustments

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$5,000,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3425, “Affordable Housing,” to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7200 to provide resources for the Cincinnati Development Fund (CDF) to use for affordable housing initiatives; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$280,000 from the balance sheet reserve account no. 102x3443, “Hampton Inn Garage – Reserve for Capital Projects,” to the unappropriated surplus of Parking System Facilities Fund 102; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$280,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Parking System Facilities Fund 102 to the Division of Parking Facilities non-personnel operating budget account no. 102x248x7200 to provide resources to fulfill contractual obligations to 3000 Vine, LLC.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer of \$5,000,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3425, “Affordable Housing,” to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. The Emergency Ordinance then authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7200 to provide resources for the Cincinnati Development Fund (CDF) to use for affordable housing initiatives. The Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the transfer of \$280,000 from balance sheet reserve account no. 102x3443, “Hampton Inn Garage – Reserve for Capital Projects,” to the unappropriated surplus of Parking System Facilities Fund 102. The Emergency Ordinance then authorizes transfer and appropriation of \$280,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Parking System Facilities Fund 102 to the Division of Parking Facilities non-personnel operating budget account no. 102x248x7200 to provide resources to fulfill contractual obligations to 3000 Vine, LLC.

Ordinance No. 0345-2023 set aside the \$5,000,000 in General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3425, “Affordable Housing” as part of the FY 2023 closeout process. These same General Fund resources will ultimately be authorized for the Cincinnati Development Fund (CDF) to use for affordable housing initiatives.

The City's Installment Sale Agreement requires capital reserve funding be provided to 3000 Vine, LLC as part of the closeout of the parking garage finance agreement that was signed in 2009.

Investment in affordable housing is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[p]rovide a full spectrum of housing options, and improve housing quality and affordability” as described on page 164 of Plan Cincinnati, and fulfilling contractual obligations to closeout a parking garage finance agreement is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[m]anage our financial resources” as described on page 199 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to meet City’s established contractual obligations.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment



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- 2024

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WHEREAS, in 2015, in Ordinance No. 253-2015, Council adopted a Stabilization Funds Policy to define appropriate funding for the City’s various reserve funds, with such policy being later revised in 2019 through Ordinance No. 213-2019 and revised again in 2022 through Ordinance No. 56-2022 which includes funding for affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, funding for affordable housing included in the FY 2023 Closeout will be allocated to the Cincinnati Development Fund (CDF) to use for affordable housing initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Installment Sale Agreement for parking garage financing signed in 2009 requires capital reserve funding be provided to 3000 Vine, LLC as part of the closeout of this agreement; and

WHEREAS, investment in affordable housing is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[p]rovide a full spectrum of housing options, and improve housing quality and affordability” as described on page 164 of Plan Cincinnati, and fulfilling contractual obligations to closeout a parking garage finance agreement is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[m]anage our financial resources” as described on page 199 of Plan Cincinnati; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That \$5,000,000 is transferred from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3425, “Affordable Housing,” to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Section 2. That \$5,000,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to Department of Community and Economic Development

non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7200 to provide resources for the Cincinnati Development Fund (CDF) to use for affordable housing initiatives.

Section 3. That \$280,000 is transferred from Parking System Facilities Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 102x3443, “Hampton Inn Garage – Reserve for Capital Projects,” to the unappropriated surplus of Parking System Facilities Fund 102.

Section 4. That \$280,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Parking System Facilities Fund 102 to the Division of Parking Facilities non-personnel operating budget account no. 102x248x7200 to provide resources to fulfill contractual obligations to 3000 Vine, LLC.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 4.

Section 6. 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 meet the City’s established contractual obligations.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

April 10, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of Council

202401047

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Assessment Equalization Board

Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned:

“**ESTABLISHING** the 2025 Urban Forestry Program Assessment Equalization Board, appointing three members thereto, and setting the time and place for hearings.”

On February 28, 2024, City Council passed Resolution No. 14 – 2024 declaring the necessity of continuing the Urban Forestry Program for the year 2025. The attached ordinance will create an appeal process for property owners in the Urban Forestry Maintenance District who feel that they are incorrectly included, unable, or unwilling to participate in the assessment.

Chapter 727 of the Ohio Revised Code sets forth the steps that political subdivisions must follow prior to levying an assessment. One provision of the chapter permits affected property owners to challenge an assessment as to “amount or apportionment.” If such an objection is filed, the law requires that an assessment equalization board be created to hear the objections. One objection has been filed to the assessment of the property in the Urban Forestry Maintenance District. After the hearing, the board will report back to Council, and Council will consider two separate ordinances to proceed with and levy the assessments. Since Chapter 727 requires that the county auditor be notified of all assessments by mid-September, quick action is needed to establish the board, hold a hearing, and have Council consider the assessment ordinances in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends the adoption of this ordinance.

Cc: Jason Barron, Director of Parks;
J. Mobley; C. Courtney; H. Fairbanks

Attachment I – Ordinance

Attachment II – Objection Letter

Attachment III – Equalization Board Member Recommendation and Resumes

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2024

ESTABLISHING the 2025 Urban Forestry Program Assessment Equalization Board, appointing three members thereto, and setting the time and place for hearings.

WHEREAS, Council approved the 2025 Urban Forestry Program to be funded by assessments; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 727.16 requires an assessment equalization board to hear and determine objections to the amount or apportionment of an estimated assessment or the assessment; and

WHEREAS, at least one objection to the 2025 Urban Forestry assessment has been received; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council establishes an assessment equalization board to hear and determine objections to the amount and the apportionment of the estimated assessments for the 2025 Urban Forestry Program.

Section 2. That under the authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 727.16, the following disinterested freeholders are appointed to the 2025 Urban Forestry Program Assessment Equalization Board (“Assessment Board”): David Rutter; Michelle Weadbrock; and Shannon Ratterman, each residing in Hamilton County outside the City of Cincinnati.

Section 3. That the Assessment Board shall meet at 12:30 p.m. on April 30, 2024, and continue in session, if necessary, from day to day, until all objections are heard. Said meeting shall be held in the conference room at the Cincinnati Parks Department Administration Building, located at 950 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, or remotely as appropriate.

Section 4. That at least five days before the hearing date set forth above, the Clerk of Council shall send notice of the hearing by certified mail to all person(s) who timely filed objections to the estimated assessments for the 2025 Urban Forestry Program.

Section 5. That the Assessment Board shall report to the Council of the City of Cincinnati its recommendations including any changes which should be made to the estimated assessment upon completion of all hearings.

Section 6. 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 provide potential objectors with an opportunity to state their claims to the Assessment Board as soon as possible and prior to deadlines for Council to levy the 2025 Urban Forestry Program assessment.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Date: April 10, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202401081
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: ORDINANCE - Mt. Adams Pedestrian Bridges Over I-71 and US 22

Attached is an ordinance captioned as follows:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the replacement of pedestrian bridges with a new shared-use path bridge over Interstate 71, Interstate 471, and U.S. Route 22 from Van Meter Street, in the Mount Adams neighborhood, to East Court Street in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's bridge construction and maintenance project in the City of Cincinnati.

The Ohio Department of Transportation, (ODOT), through their bridge maintenance project PID No. 102790 has identified a need to replace the pedestrian bridge system that spans both I-471 and I-71 and connects East Court Street in downtown Cincinnati to Van Meter Street in Mt. Adams.

The Project will not cause a change of use to City property and/or right-of-way. Impacted City property and/or right-of-way will be improved at ODOT Project cost. The State of Ohio has requested that all City property and necessary right-of-way in the Project area be made available in accordance with current state and federal regulations.

The State of Ohio will provide 100% of the eligible Project scope of work cost.

The Department of Transportation and Engineering, (DOTE), has reviewed and approved the proposed Project. Any changes to the street layout and/or significant changes to City property or right-of-way are subject to Planning Commission review and approval, but no such changes have been identified at this stage of the Project.

The State of Ohio will own and maintain the new bridge system. The State of Ohio and the City desire for the City to continue to its existing maintenance responsibilities of the City owned right-of-way in the Project area for public highway purposes.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate the replacement of pedestrian bridges with a new shared-use path bridge over Interstate 71, Interstate 471, and U.S. Route 22 from Van Meter Street, in the Mount Adams neighborhood, to East Court Street in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation’s bridge construction and maintenance project in the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) has identified the need to replace the pedestrian bridge over Interstate 71 and Interstate 471 from Van Meter Street to U.S. Route 22 (HAM-71-0181) and the pedestrian bridge over U.S. Route 22 (HAM-22-0111) with a new shared-use path bridge over Interstate 71, Interstate 471, and U.S. Route 22 from Van Meter Street, in the Mount Adams neighborhood, to East Court Street including the construction of a new stairway and accessibility ramp (PID No. 102790) (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, except as needed for temporary access, no transfer of City right-of-way is required for the Project, and no change in the use of City streets is expected to arise from the Project; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio shall provide 100 percent of the eligible cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has requested that all necessary rights of way in the Project area be made available for the Project in accordance with current state and federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Department of Transportation & Engineering has reviewed and approved the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, the extent of City streets and changes in their use are subject to review and approval by the City Planning Commission, but no changes requiring the commission’s review have been identified at this stage of the Project; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the Project, ODOT and the City desire for the City to continue its existing maintenance responsibilities for the right of way in the Project area, as applicable, and other duties required by applicable state and federal law; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City of Cincinnati consents to and shall cooperate with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”), on behalf of the State of Ohio, to facilitate the replacement of the pedestrian bridge over Interstate 71 and Interstate 471 from

Van Meter Street to U.S. Route 22 (HAM-71-0181) and the pedestrian bridge over U.S. Route 22 (HAM-22-0111) with a new shared-use path bridge over Interstate 71, Interstate 471, and U.S. Route 22 from Van Meter Street, in the Mount Adams neighborhood, to East Court Street including the construction of a new stairway and accessibility ramp (PID No. 102790) (“Project”).

Section 2. That the State of Ohio will assume and bear 100 percent of the cost of the improvements proposed as part of the Project.

Section 3. That the City shall bear 100 percent of the cost of those features, if any, requested by the City that ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration determine to be unnecessary for the Project; as of the date of this ordinance, no such features have been identified.

Section 4. That the City agrees to make available to ODOT all City rights-of-way required for the Project, including utility relocation, in accordance with current state and federal regulations and subject to any additional City approvals required for the encumbrance or acquisition of City property or change in use of City streets. The City acknowledges that all utility accommodation, relocation, and reimbursement in connection with the Project will comply with the current provisions of 23 C.F.R. 645 and the ODOT Utilities Manual.

Section 5. That, from time to time, change orders and extra-work contracts may be required to fulfill the Project, and ODOT shall provide written notice to the City, which shall process such as needed and contribute the City’s share of the costs of those items; as of the date of this ordinance, no such costs have been identified.

Section 6. That, to the extent applicable and unless otherwise agreed, the City upon completion of the Project shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the Project in accordance with all applicable state and federal law, including, but not limited to, 23 U.S.C. Section 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for any City maintenance responsibilities in connection with the Project; (3) to the extent required by state and federal law, maintain the

right of way and keep it free of obstructions; and (4) hold said right of way inviolate for public highway purposes.

Section 7. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements and process any change orders or extra-work orders connected thereto with the Director of ODOT, or ODOT-prequalified consultants, as necessary to complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this ordinance.

Section 8. That the City Manager is further authorized to execute any documents, upon the request of ODOT, necessary to allow ODOT to recover damages or exercise its rights and remedies under any contracts arising from any errors or omissions of any contractors or consultants.

Section 9. That the City Manager and the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to facilitate the Project.

Section 10. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

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2024-03-20

Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
Vice Mayor

March 20, 2024

MOTION

WE MOVE that the City of Cincinnati reposition the Center for Closing the Health Gap as a line item in its operating budget – as it was historically – and remove it from the category of Human Services. The Center for Closing the Health Gap is not a human services provider. Rather, its mission is to eliminate racial and health disparities in the Greater Cincinnati community through education, advocacy, and outreach targeting the African American, Latino, and White Appalachian populations. The vision of Closing the Health Gap is to make Greater Cincinnati a healthier region for all.

Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney

Scotty Johnson

Victoria Parks

STATEMENT

“Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and inhuman.”

– Dr. Martin Luther King

The Center for Closing the Health Gap is not a human services agency. The field of human services is broad and involves providing services to help individuals to stabilize and improve their quality of life through meeting their basic needs, guidance, counseling, and treatment. The Center for Closing the Health Gap is not a human service provider. It is a grassroots mobilization organization and helps people activate their individual agency to live healthier lives, with a mission to eliminate racial health disparities in the Greater Cincinnati community through education, advocacy, and outreach. They target African American, Latino, and White Appalachian populations to fulfill their vision to make Greater Cincinnati a healthier region for all.

It is well documented that people of color in America bear a higher burden of disease and premature death. In 2002, the Institute of Medicine issued a report entitled, “Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health” that identified race and ethnicity as significant predictors of health care quality. Data from this and other reports served as the foundation upon which the Center for Closing the Health Gap was established. In a 2015 report, the Urban League of Southwest Ohio demonstrated that Cincinnati zip codes are predictors of lifespan. This report highlighted the difference in life expectancies of up to 20 years between low income and affluent neighborhoods. Both reports, as well as a robust body of research in the area of health disparities, emphasize the social determinants of health disparities.

The Center for Closing the Health Gap is a grassroots organization that is leading the fight against health disparities in Cincinnati by addressing the social determinants of health disparities, raising the muted voices of the community. Closing the Health Gap meets people where they are and empowers them to make healthier, sustainable change within their families.



Reggie Harris
Councilmember

4/11/2024

MOTION

Council Budget Policy Direction to City Administration for FY25 Budget Update

WE MOVE that the City Administration prepare a Fiscal Year 2025 Recommended General Fund Budget which respects the following policy guidelines and priorities:

Public Safety

1. Support public safety through continued investment in recruit classes and mental health programming, as well as repair and replacement of the aging fleet and infrastructure.
2. Continued funding for the Pedestrian Safety program and initiatives that support safer, more walkable streets and traffic safety improvements in accordance with the Complete Streets Ordinance. These efforts should prioritize problematic streets in our underserved communities, like Queen City Ave.
3. Fund homelessness prevention, eviction prevention and shelter support.
4. Comprehensive approach to community violence intervention that uplifts community leaders, youth interventions, alternate responses to crisis, healthy food access and victim assistance. We should continue to fund proven programming through Boots on the Ground, Safe and Clean, and removing barriers for engagement events like Saturday Hoops.
5. Establishment of the Office of Equity to address underlying causes of violence and promote trauma-informed policy.
6. Funding for improved secure gun storage and safe storage education.

Thriving Neighborhoods

1. Continued support for CDCs and our neighborhood business districts through operating support, acquisition funding, and maintaining existing programs like NBDIP.
2. Addressing our deferred maintenance backlog by capitalizing on the sale of the CSR and following the spirit of *Cincy on Track* by investing the dollars equitably and transparently

3. Expanding home repair funding like HARBOR to include low-interest loans for middle income homeowners who do not currently qualify for City assistance. Assist programming that helps keep people healthy and in their homes like Warm-Up Cincy, rental improvement, and our lead-pipe replacement program.
4. Continue and expand funding for the Affordable Housing Leveraged Fund and City housing programs, with a focus on low-income seniors and creating diverse, welcoming communities.
5. Services and programming for our youth, including arts and accessible childcare.
6. Resources for Community Councils to better train them and enable them to do vital work in our neighborhoods.
7. Prioritize green infrastructure, such as multi-modal transportation, stormwater retention, and an energy loan fund.
8. Investing in Parks and Recreation infrastructure in our underserved communities, including the Mill Creek Corridor and West Side communities.

Growing Economic Opportunity

1. Strong investment in growth opportunities, especially in our disinvested communities that bring jobs, housing, and are catalytic.
2. Supporting revenue-generating events that promote culture and innovation.
3. Creatively supporting the growth and expansion of our MBEs, SBEs, minority developers and small businesses through programming and funding for technical and financial assistance.
4. Maintaining robust employment training opportunities for youth and adults through the continuation of Career Pathways, Building Futures, and partnerships with our green jobs organizations.
5. Consider property tax relief solutions for low-income homeowners.

Fiscal Sustainability

1. The FY25 Budget should be balanced with a path towards being structurally balanced following the use of the remainder of our Federal dollars.
2. Leveraged support should prioritize organizations with a high return on investment that diversify our tax base and bring jobs to the city.
3. Pursue aggressive measures to address the unfunded pension liability.
4. Have a heavy focus on securing Federal and State grants to leverage city dollars to the maximum extent.

Excellent and Equitable Service Delivery

1. Continue to fulfill the 1.5% GF obligation to the Human Services Fund.

2. Invest in technology and personnel to improve permitting, contracting, zoning, and other city processes. Consider increasing capacity in the City Manager's office through the addition of an Assistant City Manager.
3. Improve accuracy and efficiency of our 311 system and Code Enforcement to continue to alleviate litter, blight and substandard housing conditions in our communities.
4. Expand the Parking Enforcement division to increase parking revenue and tackle parking-related quality of life issues.
5. Support our Law Department through competitive salaries and uplifting the Quality-of-Life division.
6. Streamline and improve HR to optimize the employee training and hiring experience to attract and retain top talent.
7. Continue to focus on community engagement, specifically reaching community members who typically do not engage with the City and improving communications strategies and techniques to make sure citizens are well-informed participants in our processes.

Reggie Harris

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Jan Michelle Lemo Kearney

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