

February 14, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Fire Department: Cincinnati Fire Foundation Donation**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation of \$5,000 from the Cincinnati Fire Foundation to provide funds to support the Cincinnati Fire Department's Peer Support Program's therapy dog; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into General Fund 050 revenue account no. 050x8571; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x7300 to provide funds to support the Cincinnati Fire Department's Peer Support Program's therapy dog.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept a donation of \$5,000 from the Cincinnati Fire Foundation to provide funds to support the Cincinnati Fire Department's Peer Support Program's therapy dog. It further authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the donated resources into General Fund revenue account 050x8571. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Fire Department non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x7300.

On November 15, 2023, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0377-2023, which authorized the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of a therapy dog and related training, equipment, and supplies to be used by the Fire Department's Peer Support Program. The Cincinnati Fire Foundation has agreed to donate \$5,000 to cover veterinary expenses, food, and incidental needs. This donation does not require new FTEs/full time equivalents or matching funds.

Acceptance of this donation is in accordance with the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" and the strategy to "[u]nite our communities" as described on pages 209-212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need for the Cincinnati Fire Department to timely accept and utilize the donated resources.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

