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Councilmember

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MOTION

FY 2023 Budget

WE MOVE that, additional funding is appropriated as described below.

Operating

Neighborhood Pedestrian Safety FTE: \$100,000
MORTAR: \$60,000
Black Achievers: \$50,000
Community Councils: \$115,000
Evidence-Based Gun Violence Prevention: \$150,000
Homebase: \$400,000

Sub Total: \$875,000

Capital

NBDIP: \$450,000
Wasson Way Avondale Lighting: \$725,000
Lighthouse Youth & Family Services: \$150,000

Sub Total: \$1,325,000

Total: \$2,200,000

WE FURTHER MOVE that, the Administration consider the following sources for the aforementioned initiatives.

General Contingency Fund:

- Neighborhood Pedestrian Safety FTE

Capital:

- NBDIP

2021 Tranche ARP Money:

- Avondale Wasson Way Lighting
- Lighthouse Youth & Family Services

Position Vacancy Allowance:

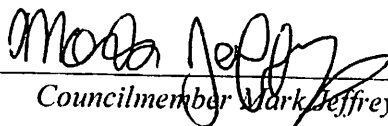
- MORTAR
- Black Achievers
- Community Councils
- Evidence-Based Gun Violence Prevention
- Homebase

STATEMENT

These proposed budget changes largely reflect our city's most pressing needs while strategically making investments that will contribute to the long-term viability of Cincinnati. By making slight adjustments to include these initiatives and organizations, we will empower organizations that are already making huge strides towards justice and improving lives for all in Cincinnati.

With hundreds of people hit by cars annually and one-too-many lives cut short because of those crashes, pedestrian safety has become a public safety priority. For this reason, this motion proposes the addition of a dedicated Neighborhood *Pedestrian Safety FTE*—a request of many communities — as well as funding for lighting along Phase 6 of the *Wasson Way* trail in Avondale, which will enable equitable access to this catalytic transportation infrastructure. Unfortunately, pedestrian safety is not our only pressing public health and safety crisis. We are facing an epidemic of gun violence, and by providing funding for proven programs like Advance Peace/READI, we will be using *evidence-based* solutions to address our gun violence epidemic.

Public safety is a necessary condition for vibrancy, but Cincinnati's most notable attractions can be found in our diverse array of communities and business districts. Our communities don't thrive by accident: it is due to the intentional work done by organization and programs that support our 52 neighborhoods like *NBDIP*, our *Community Councils*, and *Homebase*. With additional funding, our communities will be empowered to thrive and grow as they best see fit. It is necessary that we continue to fund organization that are focused on rectifying structural economic inequalities. *MORTAR* and *Black Achievers* are essential organizations dedicated to empowering black and brown entrepreneurs and professionals in our communities. At the heart of community and economic development is youth development. By supporting *Lighthouse Youth & Family Services*, we are supporting the provision of a wide range of needed care for children and young adults across the city.



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