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## **MOTION**

*To Review and Make a Funding Recommendation for the Clifton Cultural Arts Center Headquarters Project*

**WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report within two (2) weeks reviewing the Clifton Cultural Arts Center Headquarters project for possible usage from the Capital Project Fund. This report should include a brief summary of the project, past asks and funding of the project by the City of Cincinnati, any pertinent information from the Administration on the project, and a final recommendation by the Administration as to whether or not to fund the project.

## **STATEMENT**

The Clifton Cultural Arts Center (CCAC) Headquarters project is a 18,000 sq. ft arts and culture center on a formerly vacant lot in Clifton. This funding request is for the final phase of the project, including lighting, curtains, A/V equipment, sound panels, and more to complete the build-out of the stage and performance space in the CCAC. The CCAC Headquarters has a final gap to complete the project due to the rising costs of labor and materials, and an allocation would be the final contribution necessary to complete the project.

In the FY25 Carryover budget, Council allocated \$1,359,008 to a *Capital Project Fund* account. This fund should allow the Council to address priorities and needs that arise outside of the Budget and Close Out process. This funding can only be used at the at the initiation of a member of Cincinnati City Council and is intended to be used before FY26.

These funds were earmarked for one-time capital use on projects capped at \$500,000 and vetted by the City Administration. This process includes an administrative review any of these potential projects and then a final vote by Council no sooner than January 1, 2025. The Administration review should be conducted within two weeks of the request being made by motion by a member of Council for review, and following the review a formal funding request can be made by a member of Council.

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