

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

ESTABLISHING new Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112137, "HARBOR," for the purpose of providing funds to the Department of Buildings and Inspections for the Homeowner Assistance Repairs and Building Order Remission ("HARBOR") Program; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of the sum of \$500,000 from Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112131 "HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)," to the unappropriated surplus of Home Investment Trust Fund 411; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Home Investment Trust Fund 411 to the newly established Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112137, "HARBOR," for the purpose of providing funds to the Department of Buildings and Inspections for the HARBOR Program; and further **DECLARING** expenditures from Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112137, "HARBOR," to be for a public purpose.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced that the City is eligible to receive HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding pursuant to the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") Act and additional guidance is forthcoming regarding eligible uses of such funds; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Buildings and Inspections previously implemented the Homeowner Assistance Repairs and Building Order Remission ("HARBOR") Program to provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income owner occupants whose homes are in need of repairs, but the Program is not currently funded; and

WHEREAS, ARP funds are being made available for this use and the City wishes to use ARP funds to provide funding for the HARBOR Program; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to establish new Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112137, "HARBOR," for the purpose of providing funds for the Homeowner Assistance Repairs and Building Order Remission ("HARBOR") Program.

Section 2. That the sum of \$500,000 is hereby transferred from Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112131 "HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP),"

to the unappropriated surplus of Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112137, "HARBOR," for the purpose of providing funds for the HARBOR Program.

Section 3. That the sum of \$500,000 is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Home Investment Trust Fund 411 to the newly established Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112137, "HARBOR," for the purpose of providing funds for the HARBOR Program.

Section 4. That expenditures from Home Investment Trust Fund project account no. 411x162x4112137, "HARBOR," are hereby declared to be for a public purpose because the provision of financial assistance to low- and moderate-income owner occupants whose homes are in need of repairs improves the economic and general well-being of the people of the City, which is necessary because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 5. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to (a) submit, modify, or amend any and all necessary documents required to be sent to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to carry out the provisions of this ordinance, and (b) take all actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this ordinance and otherwise make the herein-described funding available for the provision of financial assistance to low- and moderate-income owner occupants in the City of Cincinnati whose homes are in need of repairs, all in accordance with federal requirements and necessary federal approvals.

Section 6. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 5 hereof.

Section 7. 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 implement authorized American Rescue Plan-related support programs.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk