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MOTION

To Allocate FY24 Carryover Dollars and Establish "Thriving Neighborhoods" Funding

WE MOVE to accept the Mayor and administration's FY24 carryover dollar recommendations as listed in Ordinance #202302300 without modification as indicated in the following chart:

Project Name	Amount
Industrial Site Redevelopment – GF CO	\$1,600,000
West End Community Development Initiatives	\$2,000,000
Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Capital Facilities Improvement	\$250,000

WE FURTHER MOVE to accept the following administrative recommendations for FY24 carryover dollars as indicated in the chart below:

Fund #	Project Name	Amount
240913	Telephone System Upgrades	\$250,000
240918	Lifecycle Asset Acquisition and Replacement	\$500,000
240930	Uninterruptable Power Supply Systems - GFCO	\$250,000
241040	Solar Panel Battery Backup Resiliency Hub	\$400,000
232533	Public Safety Facility Improvements - GFCO	\$1,000,000
242540	ARC Flash Hazard Mitigation	\$400,000
242541	City Facility Asbestos Abatement	\$1,000,000
242543	City Facility HVAC Upgrades - GFCO	\$250,000
242544	Fleet Replacement – SWAT Truck - GFCO	\$500,000
	Total	\$4,550,000

WE FURTHER MOVE to allocate the remaining FY24 carryover dollars to support Thriving Neighborhoods as indicated in the chart below, with \$1,000,000 to be administered through Homebase for

strategic CDC Site acquisition and project support, \$1,045,646 to go towards our Parks and Recreation Departments for the replacement of playgrounds and critical failing infrastructure, and \$500,000 to supplement DOTE's community-led pedestrian safety initiatives.

Thriving Neighborhoods Projects:

Project Name	Amount
Homebase – CDC “Quickstrike” Acquisition & Project Funding	\$1,000,000
Deferred Maintenance – Parks and CRC Projects	\$1,045,646
Community Pedestrian Safety Projects	\$500,000
Total	\$2,545,646

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STATEMENT

With the passage of Issue 22 and the projected influx of capital dollars for deferred maintenance, this Council should prioritize strategic investments that will continue to grow our neighborhoods, improve quality of life, and attract further investment in our communities. This plan is a combination of investing in City infrastructure that is in desperate need of repairs while also recognizing the neighborhood infrastructure that is critical to our citizens but has historically lacked the *proactive* investment to bring it to productive use.

Pedestrian safety has been a top priority of this Council, and with additional funding our Department of Transportation and Engineering can complete more community-led initiatives that make our streets more accessible and save lives. Our Community Development Corporations are the nexus of safety, affordable housing, and improving quality of life for our communities. There is a need for nimble funds to be able to act quickly when strategic properties hit the market or project deals need to be closed within a preset timeframe.

Our CRC and Park facilities are how most citizens interact with the City, and we know they are in a particularly bad state of disrepair. This additional funding will allow for early investments in these facilities, especially playgrounds and those listed on the City's top 10 critical failing infrastructure list. These will have major implications on quality of life, public safety, and health. This will keep 80% of the administrative recommended funding going towards deferred maintenance projects, which is a stated value of this Council.