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MOTION

To Allocate Existing Digital Equity Funds to Cincinnati Works' "D-Lit" Program

WE MOVE that the administration transfer \$87,350 from the project "Highspeed/Broadband Access – GF" to be allocated to Cincinnati Works to operate their Digital Literacy "D-Lit" program.

Councilmember Reggie Harris

Councilmember Victoria Parks

STATEMENT

Cincinnati City Council allocated dollars towards digital equity with the goal of bridging the digital divide. As the administration and leaders have continued to engage to create a plan for the distribution of these funds, Cincinnati Works has been identified as a key partner doing proven work in the space. As we quickly approach the required spend date for these funds, it is vital that the city executes a contract and plan in a timely manner with a proven program to maintain eligibility.

The Digital Literacy Program (D-Lit) was launched in February 2022. It is an in-person course, meeting once a week for 2 hours over five weeks. Topics include computer basics, computer safety, evaluating sources, and utilizing Microsoft Office Suite. Upon completion, each participant receives a laptop outfitted with Microsoft Office Suite. By equipping participants with both the skills and tools to overcome the digital divide, the program continues to help individuals acquire quality employment and manage their new income effectively.

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