

February 24, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202200479
From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – HOME-ARP Reconciliation**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source Fund 411, “Home Investment Trust,” of the sum of \$3,523,076 from various Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project accounts, according to the attached Schedule of Transfer; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$3,523,076 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 411, “Home Investment Trust,” to various new and existing Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project accounts, according to the attached schedule of transfer, for the purpose of appropriating resources to projects consistent with guidance issued by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and return to source Fund 411, “Home Investment Trust,” of the sum of \$3,523,076 from various Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project accounts. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$3,523,076 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 411, “Home Investment Trust,” to various new and existing Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project accounts for the purpose of appropriating resources to projects approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The City received an initial entitlement grant award of \$2,737,925 from the HUD HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), which the City Council authorized in Ordinance No. 0132-2021 on February 25, 2021. HUD later awarded \$9,923,076 in additional HOME grant resources as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP), which the City accepted and appropriated to the Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project, “HOME – American Rescue Plan,” as authorized by the City Council in Ordinance No. 0153-2021 on May 5, 2021.

On May 19, 2021, Council approved Ordinance No. 0166-2021, which returned to source the sum of \$9,900,000 from Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project, “HOME – American Rescue Plan,” and appropriated \$9,900,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Home Investment Trust Fund 411 to newly established projects, including \$3,000,000 to “Bethany House Services,” and \$500,000 to “HARBOR.”

To align use of HOME resources previously approved for the HARBOR program to eligible uses and to categorize the resources previously appropriated by the Bethany House project in a manner that the City will report the use of such resources to HUD, based on guidance received by HUD, the City Council desires to transfer the HOME resources in accordance with the attached schedule of transfer.

The \$23,076 previously appropriated to the “HOME – American Rescue Plan” project, but unallocated to a specific project will be appropriated for “HOME – ARP Administration.” The \$3,000,000 previously appropriated to the “Bethany House Services” project will continue to serve the Bethany House in the new “Non-congregate Shelter Development” project. The \$500,000 previously appropriated to the “HARBOR” project will instead be appropriated to the existing “Affordable Housing Trust Fund” project. Funding for the HARBOR program will be replaced with other Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) resources.

The HOME and ARP grant programs are in accordance with the “Live” strategy to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods,” as described on pages 160 - 163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is so the resources referenced herein may be deployed at the earliest possible time.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



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