

December 14, 2020

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202002218

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Additional Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Funds

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the acceptance of the sum of up to \$10,000,000 from the Hamilton County, Ohio Coronavirus Relief Fund for the purpose of providing reimbursement of or resources for certain personnel expenditures related to the City’s COVID-19 response; **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the funds in Fund 473, “COVID-19”; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of up to \$10,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 473, “COVID-19” to the Fund 473, “COVID-19,” City Manager’s Office personnel operating budget account no. 473x101x7100 for the purpose of providing reimbursement of or resources for certain personnel expenditures in the Cincinnati Fire Department for COVID-19 response.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate the sum of up to \$10,000,000 additional Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) funds from Hamilton County, Ohio under the CARES Act. The Finance Director is authorized to deposit the funds in COVID-19 Fund 473. Additionally, this Emergency Ordinance would appropriate the sum of up to \$10,000,000 to the COVID-19 Fund 473 City Manager’s Office personnel operating budget account no. 473x101x7100 for the purpose of providing reimbursement of or resources for certain personnel expenditures in the Cincinnati Fire Department for COVID-19 response.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accomplish the authorized COVID-19 related reimbursements and expenditures before the December 30, 2020 deadline required by the CARES Act.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment