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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2022

AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 of the sum of \$2,550,000 from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP050, "FY 2021 COVID Expenses," for the purpose of realigning sources with actual uses; **ESTABLISHING** new Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP206, "PLAP," for the purpose of providing funds to enhance the Private Lot Abatement Program overseen by the Department of Buildings and Inspections; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$300,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP206, "PLAP," for the purpose of providing funds to enhance the Private Lot Abatement Program through the targeting of nuisance dump sites by providing funding for secure vinyl-coated fencing, site clean-up, signage, and a surveillance camera pilot program which will rotate among targeted sites to identify offenders and monitor locations; **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP206, "PLAP," to be for a public purpose; **ESTABLISHING** new Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP208, "BLINK," for the purpose of providing funds to support the BLINK Cincinnati Festival of Light & Art scheduled for October 2022; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP208, "BLINK," for the purpose of providing funds to support the BLINK Cincinnati Festival of Light & Art scheduled for October 2022; **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP208, "BLINK," to be for a public purpose; **ESTABLISHING** new Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP209, "Represent," for the purpose of providing one-time funds for two years of operating support to the Represent Initiative to support black-owned businesses in the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP209, "Represent," for the purpose of providing one-time funds for two years of operating support to the Represent Initiative to support black-owned businesses in the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood; **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP209, "Represent," to be for a public purpose; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$750,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to existing American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP018, "Minority Business Accelerator/Ascend," for the purpose of providing funds to support the Lincoln & Gilbert initiative which aims to double the number of minority businesses in Cincinnati over the next five years; **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP018, "Minority Business Accelerator/Ascend," to be for a public purpose.

WHEREAS, the City received funding from the United States Department of the Treasury pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act as part of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Act; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the funding was appropriated to American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP050, "FY 2021 COVID Expenses," which was designated to provide fiscal stability for fiscal year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City's fiscal year 2021 budget is now closed, so remaining funds identified for fiscal year 2021 fiscal stability are available to be reallocated for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's transmittal of the City Manager's Recommended FY 2023 Budget Update to the City Council included the allocations included herein; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Buildings and Inspections oversees the Private Lot Abatement Program ("PLAP") which cleans up nuisance properties including overgrown and blighted private lots; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of PLAP will utilize community engagement and data-driven processes to target approximately 35-40 critical nuisance properties and install fencing and cameras and implement other target hardening to clean current dumping sites and reduce future dumping access, and will utilize a rotating camera system deployed at approximately ten sites to identify offenders and monitor locations; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted the ability of property owners to properly maintain properties which have become overgrown and havens for illegal dumping, so \$300,000 of American Rescue Plan funds is being made available to enhance PLAP; and

WHEREAS, the BLINK Cincinnati Festival of Light & Art previously was held in the City in 2017 and 2019 and provided a significant economic impact to the City; and

WHEREAS, the BLINK Cincinnati Festival of Light & Art was not held in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic but is returning to the City in October 2022; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted the City's economy, so \$1,000,000 of American Rescue Plan funds is being made available to support the BLINK Cincinnati Festival of Light & Art; and

WHEREAS, the Represent Initiative supports black-owned businesses in the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted the City's black-owned businesses, so \$500,000 of American Rescue Plan funds is being made available to support the Represent Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Urban League's Lincoln & Gilbert initiative aims to double the number of minority businesses in Cincinnati over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted the City's minority businesses, so \$750,000 of American Rescue Plan funds is being made available to support the Urban League's Lincoln & Gilbert initiative; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the sum of \$2,550,000 is hereby transferred and returned to source Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP050, "FY 2021 COVID Expenses," for the purpose of realigning sources with actual uses.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to establish new Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP206, "PLAP," for the purpose of providing funds to enhance the Private Lot Abatement Program overseen by the Department of Buildings and Inspections.

Section 3. That the sum of \$300,000 is hereby transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP206, "PLAP," for the purpose of providing funds to enhance the Private Lot Abatement Program through the clean-up and targeting of nuisance dump sites by providing funding for secure vinyl-coated fencing, site clean-up, signage, and a surveillance camera pilot program which will rotate among targeted sites to identify offenders and monitor locations.

Section 4. That expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP206, "PLAP," are hereby declared to be for a public purpose because the COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted the ability of property owners to properly maintain properties which have become overgrown and havens for illegal dumping.

Section 5. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to establish new Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP208, "BLINK," for the purpose of providing funds to support the BLINK Cincinnati Festival of Light & Art scheduled for October 2022.

Section 6. That the sum of \$1,000,000 is hereby transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP208, "BLINK," for the purpose of providing funds to support the BLINK Cincinnati Festival of Light & Art scheduled for October 2022.

Section 7. That expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP208, "BLINK," are hereby declared to be for a public purpose because the COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted the City's economy and caused the cancellation of the BLINK Cincinnati Festival of Light & Art which has had a significantly positive impact on the City's economy in the past.

Section 8. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to establish new Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP209, "Represent," for the purpose of providing one-time funds for two years of operating support to the Represent Initiative to support black-owned businesses in the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood.

Section 9. That the sum of \$500,000 is hereby transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP209, "Represent," for the purpose of providing one-time funds for two years of operating support to the Represent Initiative to support black-owned businesses in the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood.

Section 10. That expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP209, "Represent," are hereby declared to be for a public purpose because the

COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted black-owned businesses in the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood.

Section 11. That the sum of \$750,000 is hereby transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to existing American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP018, "Minority Business Accelerator/Ascend," for the purpose of providing funds to support the Lincoln & Gilbert initiative which aims to double the number of minority businesses in Cincinnati over the next five years.

Section 12. That expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP018, "Minority Business Accelerator/Ascend," are hereby declared to be for a public purpose because the COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted minority businesses in the City.

Section 13. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 12 hereof.

Section 14. 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 and projects.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk