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*Councilmember*

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## MOTION

WE MOVE for City Council to allocate \$250,000 from the capital budget to the Pendleton Heritage Center (PHC) in the East End to complete the renovation work. PHC is a volunteer-managed community and event venue facility which has served as a social and recreational space for both Black and Appalachian Cincinnatians for generations. The facility preserves the history, culture, and architecture of the area through cultural engagement and educational programming and offers affordable rental space for events and offices.

  
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## STATEMENT

The Pendleton Heritage Center (PHC) is a volunteer-managed community and event venue facility located on 2760 Riverside Drive. The facility preserves the history, culture, and architecture of the area through cultural engagement and educational programming and offers affordable rental space for events and offices. PHC, which is a recommended site for the National Register for Historic Places, has a deep connection to the industrial history of the East End. Furthermore, the building has historically served as a social and recreational space for both Black and Appalachian Cincinnatians.

The pandemic has greatly impacted PHC because of the loss of its primary source of income—event rentals. This lack of income has resulted in PHC having to delay the maintenance of the building, which has not been updated since the late 1990s despite the need for major renovations. During the pandemic, PHC volunteers have donated their labor and funds to update the building including patching the roof, repairing the HVAC system, and painting the interior. PHC was unable to acquire Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans and related funds because PHC is a 100% volunteer-managed organization with no formal staff.

PHC has requested funding to assist this organization with necessary renovation work, including ADA improvements.