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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. 52

- 2021

AUTHORIZING the acceptance and appropriation of the sum of \$2,225,293, received pursuant to an additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, to Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 in accordance with the attached appropriation schedule; and **ANNOUNCING** the City’s intention to use said funds for various projects in the City’s Calendar Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program as part of the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan and 2019 Annual Action Plan Amendment, in accordance with the attached appropriation schedule, but subject to reallocation at the City Manager’s discretion in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program began in 1974 and is one of the longest continuously run programs at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), through which HUD provides annual grants to local communities to address a wide range of unique community development needs; and

WHEREAS, HUD announced an initial grant allocation of \$11,697,236 to the City of Cincinnati for the 2020 CDBG program (CFDA 14.218) via Award B-20-MC-39-0003 on February 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, HUD received an additional federal appropriation through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for use in funding additional CDBG grants to entitlement grantees in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and through CDBG-CV3 (CDBG CARES Act Third Round) via Award B-20-MW-39-0003, the City received \$2,225,293 on September 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that the City Manager maintains discretion to reallocate the funding between the projects and programs listed in the attached Appropriation Schedule as she deems necessary to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, accepting and appropriating funds from the CDBG program is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “Support and stabilize our neighborhoods,” as described on page 160 of Plan Cincinnati, and with the “Compete” goal to “be a pivotal economic force in the region,” as described on page 101 of Plan Cincinnati; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council hereby authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of the additional sum of \$2,225,293, received pursuant to an additional Community Development Block

Grant (“CDBG”) award in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, to Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule.

Section 2. That Council hereby announces the intent of the City of Cincinnati to use said amounts received from the CDBG program for various projects in its Calendar Year 2021 CDBG Program as part of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2019 Annual Action Plan Amendment.

Section 3. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this ordinance, the City Manager is authorized to reallocate funds from the additional grant of \$2,225,293 to the City from HUD under the CDBG program related to the COVID-19 pandemic, as the City Manager determines is necessary to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reallocating funds between programs and administrative costs identified in the attached Appropriation Schedule or to newly-created programs, all in accordance with federal requirements and necessary federal approvals.

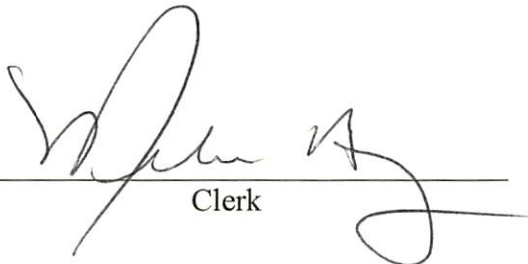
Section 4. That the City Manager will provide Council with notice of the reallocation of any CDBG funds pursuant to Section 3 hereof.

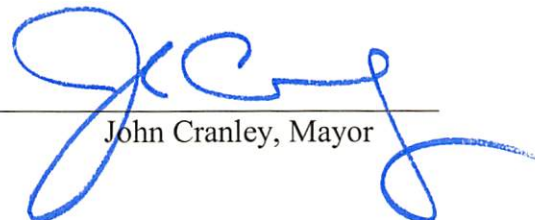
Section 5. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit, modify, or amend any and all necessary documents required to be sent to the Department of Housing and Urban Development to carry out the provisions of this ordinance and that the City Manager is further authorized to take all other such action as necessary to carry out the provisions of this ordinance and otherwise make the herein described funding available to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

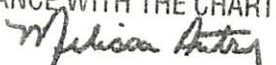
Section 6. That the proper City officials are authorized to use and expend the described funds in accordance with Sections 1 through 5 hereof.

Section 7. 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 provide funding for vital City programs funding during calendar year 2021 and to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Passed: February 10, 2021

Attest: 
Clerk


John Cranley, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 52-2021
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 3-2-2021

CLERK OF COUNCIL