

January 7, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Police: Moral Obligation Payment to The S.T.A.R. Chapter Foundation, Inc.**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING a payment of \$14,750 from the Cincinnati Police Department Criminal Activity Forfeiture - State Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 369x227x4010x7299 as a moral obligation to The S.T.A.R. Chapter Foundation, Inc. for outstanding charges related to the Rising STAR Youth Bowling Program, which was awarded funding through the City's Community Preventive Education Program.

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The Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) awarded The S.T.A.R. Chapter Foundation, Inc. with a Community Preventive Education Program grant in an amount of \$17,750 to fund the weekly Rising Star Youth Bowling Program from June to August 2025, but a grant agreement was not executed before the program began. Without an executed grant agreement, CPD was unable to encumber funds prior to the program's commencement. The S.T.A.R. Chapter Foundation, Inc. submitted a request for reimbursement on September 17, 2025, for services related to the program, in accordance with the intended terms of their award under the Community Preventive Education Program grant. To prevent recurrence of the issue, CPD has indicated to The S.T.A.R. Chapter Foundation, Inc. that a contract must be in place, if future grant funds are awarded, before reimbursable activities occur.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment to The S.T.A.R. Chapter Foundation, Inc. in a timely manner for the services provided.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment