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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2025

RECOGNIZING the members of the Human Services Advisory Committee (“HSAC”) and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for HSAC’s commitment to providing recommendations to Council for the FY2026/2027 biennium budget for human services funding.

WHEREAS, the Human Services Advisory Committee (“HSAC”) evaluates all proposals related to human services funding using the performance measures established by Council’s priorities, works year-round to ensure the effectiveness of human services funding, and works with human services organizations to foster greater collaboration between the Administration and external partners; and

WHEREAS, HSAC is volunteer board made up of 21 members appointed by the Mayor’s Office who are required to participate in bias training, to declare conflicts of interest, and invest hours of their time; and

WHEREAS, this past year, HSAC reviewed 141 program applications under the leadership of Chair Lauren Merten, Vice-Chair La’Shaunda Ewing, and Secretary Shannon Nixon; and

WHEREAS, HSAC recommended that Council fund 71 agencies for 74 programs, totaling nearly \$7.7 million; and

WHEREAS, the projects funded fell into three human services categories: 24 projects with a Workforce Development focus; 25 projects with a Youth Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction focus; and 25 projects with a Supporting, Securing, and Stabilizing Housing for High-Risk Populations focus; and

WHEREAS, HSAC recommended that Council award the second Impact Award to the Safe Network - Hunger and Healing, and Hope: A Food System Approach to Community Safety, which will be led by Cincinnati Children’s Hospital and twelve other partner organizations, for a total of \$850,000; and

WHEREAS, Council is grateful for the recommendations made by the members of the HSAC and those who supported HSAC’s efforts; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council recognize the members of the Human Services Advisory Committee for their commitment to providing recommendations to Council for the FY2026/2027 biennium budget for human services funding.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the members of the Human Services Advisory Committee through the office of Councilmember Meeka D. Owens.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Meeka D. Owens