

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2020

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept funds in an amount up to \$7,178,997.50 from the United States Department of the Treasury as provided by the American Rescue Plan Act for the purpose of providing resources for an Emergency Rental Assistance (“ERA2”) program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the funds in Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 revenue account no. 469x8543; **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” for the purpose of providing resources for the ERA2 program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$7,178,997.50 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” for the purpose of providing resources for the ERA2 program; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to contract with third parties and take other necessary actions to quickly implement the ERA2 program; and **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” to be for a public purpose.

WHEREAS, the City received Emergency Rental Assistance funding under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, which the City used to implement the Emergency Rental Assistance program now known as ERA1; and

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive additional Emergency Rental Assistance funding from the United States Department of the Treasury pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act, which will be used to implement a second Emergency Rental Assistance program known as ERA2; and

WHEREAS, the additional funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan will be used to provide resources for the ERA2 program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept funds in an amount up to \$7,178,997.50 from the United States Department of the Treasury as provided by the American Rescue Plan Act for the purpose of providing resources for an Emergency Rental Assistance (“ERA2”) program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to deposit the funds into Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 revenue account no. 469x8543.

Section 3. That American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” is hereby established for the purpose of providing resources for the “ERA2” program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 4. That the sum of \$7,178,997.50 is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” for the purpose of providing resources for the ERA2 program.

Section 5. That the City Manager is authorized to contract with third parties and take other necessary actions to quickly implement the ERA2 program.

Section 6. That expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP101, “ERA2,” are hereby declared to be for a public purpose because providing funds for emergency rental assistance improves the economic and general well-being of the citizens of the City, which is necessary due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 7. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Sections 1 through 6 herein.

Section 8. 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 accept the funds in a timely manner.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk