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MOTION

Council Budget Adjustment Motion for the FY2025 Recommended Budget

WE MOVE that the Administration prepare an ordinance that removes the following items from FY2025 Budget.

Account	Specific Use	Amount	
General Fund to Capital	NBDIP ¹	\$2,000,000	
Capital Fund		\$500,000	
Capital Improvement	Street Rehabilitation	\$500,000	
Reserve for Contingencies		\$380,000	
Capital Improvement	Ped. Safety Improvements/Major Street Calming	\$250,000	
Capital Improvement	Washington Park Masonry and Concrete Repairs	\$150,000	
	Neighborhood Support Program	\$75,000	
FY24 Operating Contingency		\$60,000	
Total		\$3,915,000	

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Administration prepare an ordinance that makes the following additions to the FY2025, including ensuring that the appropriate source is utilized, and they are placed in the appropriate account based upon the following priorities of this Council:

Economic Development and Vitality

Specific Use	Amount	
Connected Communities Support Funding	\$860,000	
Major Events Funding ²	***	

¹ This Council expresses their appreciation for the additional support to NBDIP. NBDIP is a program that thrives on the ability to drive competitive, catalytic projects. To achieve this, we must strategically fund roughly 60% of the proposed projects. In FY2025, there were only \$5 million in asks, making the need only \$3 million. This change maintains a \$1 million increase to NBDIP over FY24 to fund additional projects while ensuring a competitive process. The \$2 million in funding will be spent on economic development and neighborhood vitality-based initiatives in-line with spirit the initial allocation to NBDIP.

² Funding for the following three items is contingent upon two criteria: all organizations must meet with the Administration about implementation of the event and how City money will be leveraged and spent and have present the plan to City Council for approval, the allocated funding must be spent according to the voted

Forbes 30 Under 30	\$400,000
Greater Cincinnati Sports Events Commission	\$250,000
River Roots	\$200,000
Total	\$1,710,000

Place-Based Initiatives

Specific Use	Amount
Hillside Regulation Revamp ³	\$100,000
Adopt a Spot	\$60,000
Total:	\$160,000

Housing Stability and Tenant Protection

Specific Use	Amount
Rental Assistance	\$200,000
Shelter Diversion⁴	\$150,000
Landlord Incentives for Subsidy ⁵	\$50,000
Pilot: Limited Representation Program ⁶	\$40,000
Total:	\$440,000

WE FURTHER MOVE that the administration makes the following adjustments to the FY 2025 Capital budget:

Specific Use	Amount
Stairway Rehabilitation ⁷	\$400,000
Queen City Avenue/Westwood Avenue Traffic Study ⁸	\$250,000
Glenway Park Accessible Playground Equipment ⁹	\$150,000

upon plan within one year of allocation. The Administration should also assess the feasibility of a pilot major events fund operated similarly to the Leveraged Support fund for FY 25-26 to fund similar events in the future.

³ Providing funding to build off the Report #202401016 provided to Council on April 3, 2024 for studying and implementing new regulations for hillside protections.

⁴ Funding for Strategies to End Homelessness's Shelter Diversion program which targets families at imminent risk of homelessness but have not yet reached the point of homelessness.

⁵ The Landlord Incentives for Subsidy program should be a pilot and partnership with Strategies to End Homelessness to provide incentives to landlords to help people experiencing homelessness or in danger of experiencing homeless to accept subsidies and those tenants.

⁶ The Limited Representation Program should compliment the work we have set out with the Tenant Bill of Rights.

⁷ This is being funded with a reallocation of \$400,000 from Street Rehabilitation as noted in the chart on the first page of the motion. The goal is to be able to re-open at least half of our city stairways that have been closed by DOTE due to poor conditions.

⁸ This is being funded with a reallocation of \$250,000 from Pedestrian Safety Improvements/Major Street Calming as noted in the chart on the first page of the motion. This study is one of many steps to revitalize the North Fairmount neighborhood business district.

⁹ This is being funded with a reallocation of \$150,000 from Washington Park Masonry and Concrete Repairs as noted in the chart on the first page of the motion to increase accessibility in city parks in a disadvantaged neighborhood.

Montana Ave. Traffic Calming ¹⁰	\$100,000
Total:	\$900,000

WE FURTHER MOVE that the following additions be made to the Leveraged Support awards. 11

Organization	Amount
Activities Beyond the Classroom	\$100,000
Groundwork Ohio River Valley	\$100,000
Film Cincinnati	\$75,000
Invest in Neighborhoods ¹²	\$75,000
The Health Collaborative	\$50,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$50,000
Literacy Lab	\$50,000
Last Mile Food Rescue	\$50,000
Bethany House	\$40,000
MORTAR	\$40,000
CincyTech	\$25,000
Cincy Smiles	\$25,000
LADD	\$25,000
Total	\$705,000

¹⁰ This is being funded with a reallocation of \$100,000 from Street Rehabilitation as noted in the chart on the first page of the motion. This study is intended to help traffic calming along Montana Avenue.

¹¹ Note that all awardees went through the competitive application process with the City of Cincinnati and the scores were made available to City Council prior to this recommendation.

¹² Funding is reallocated from the NSP addition as noted above. A communication from Invest in Neighborhoods has also been filed for reference.

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