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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Transfer of Returned American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds for Public Safety Needs

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 of the sum of \$613,183.01 from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP025, “Social Services Operational Grants,” for the purpose of realigning sources with actual uses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 of the sum of \$37,329.87 from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP038, “Children’s Hospital,” for the purpose of realigning sources with actual uses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 of the sum of \$1,700 from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP071, “Rites of Passage,” for the purpose of realigning sources with actual uses; **ESTABLISHING** new Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP400, “Violence Reduction Initiatives,” for the purpose of providing funds for a public health informed response to gun violence including the development and implementation of evidence-based, community-based violence reduction interventions; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP400, “Violence Reduction Initiatives,” for the purpose of providing funds for a public health informed response to gun violence including the development and implementation of evidence-based, community-based violence reduction interventions; **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP400, “Violence Reduction Initiatives,” to be for a public purpose; **ESTABLISHING** new Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x222xARP401, “PVO / Downtown Event Deployment,” for the purpose of providing funds to the Cincinnati Police Department for Police Visibility Overtime including the deployment of overtime to curb violence and for large public events; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$552,212.88 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x222xARP401, “PVO / Downtown Event Deployment,” for the purpose of providing funds to the Cincinnati Police Department for Police Visibility Overtime including the deployment of overtime to curb violence and for large public events; and **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue

Plan grant project account no. 469x222xARP401, “PVO / Downtown Event Deployment,” to be for a public purpose.

The City received funding from the United States Department of the Treasury pursuant to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act as part of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Act. Subsequently, the City Council appropriated funding to various ARP grant project accounts. Through the periodic reporting process required pursuant to Treasury guidelines, various organizations have submitted final reports to the City indicating that projects have been completed and returned remaining funds to the City.

The City has additional one-time FY 2023 budget needs related to public safety which can be addressed through a reallocation of these returned ARP funds. Specifically, this Emergency Ordinance provides funding in the amount of \$100,000 for “Violence Reduction Initiatives” for a public health informed response to gun violence including the development and implementation of evidence-based, community-based violence reduction interventions. Furthermore, this Emergency Ordinance provides funding in the amount of \$552,212.88 for “PVO / Downtown Event Deployment” to the Cincinnati Police Department for Police Visibility Overtime (PVO) including the deployment of overtime to curb violence and for large downtown public events including BLINK, Oktoberfest Zinzinnati, and Cincinnati Bengals home football games. This will help mitigate a projected budget shortfall in the Cincinnati Police Department’s FY 2023 General Fund personnel operating budget due to increased overtime costs.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to implement authorized American Rescue Plan-related support programs and projects.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment