

December 3, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Budget: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Reprogramming**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$401,351.88 from American Rescue Plan project account no. 469x101xARP209, “Represent,” to the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469; **ESTABLISHING** new Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP600, “Minority-Owned Business Support,” to provide resources for the Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative to provide support for minority-owned businesses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$151,351.88 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP600, “Minority-Owned Business Support,” to provide resources for the Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative to support minority-owned businesses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP300, “Fiscal Stability,” to provide resources for fiscal stability as revenue replacement in FY 2026; and **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP600, “Minority-Owned Business Support,” 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 and on June 23, 2022, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0193-2022, which appropriated funding to American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP209, “Represent,” which was designated to provide support to minority-owned businesses through the Represent Initiative. However, American Rescue Plan resources allocated to the Represent Initiative could not all be spent and \$151,351.88 was returned to the City and the contract with the Represent Initiative was terminated with an additional \$250,000 remaining on the contract. The returned resources can now be appropriated to a different organization to provide funding for a similar use, namely support for minority-owned businesses. Specifically, the Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative (GCMi) can provide support for minority-owned businesses with these existing resources. The remaining \$250,000 from the cancelled contract with the Represent Initiative can be made available for revenue replacement in FY 2026.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and return to source of \$401,351.88 from American Rescue Plan project account no. 469x101xARP209, "Represent," to the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469. It also establishes new Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP600, "Minority-Owned Business Support" to provide resources for the Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative to provide support for minority-owned businesses. Additionally, the transfer and appropriation of \$151,351.88 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP600, "Minority-Owned Business Support," to provide resources for the Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative to support minority-owned businesses is authorized and the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP300, "Fiscal Stability," to provide resources for fiscal stability as revenue replacement in FY 2026 is also authorized. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance declares expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP600, "Minority-Owned Business Support," to be for a public purpose.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to ensure the maximum usage of American Rescue Plan resources.

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

Attachments