

June 9, 2021

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council **202102064**

FROM: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

SUBJECT: Report – HOCC Academy as Part of the Community Police Partnering Center

REFERENCE DOCUMENT #202100867

City Council adopted at its session on March 10, 2021 the following Motion:

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Sundermann, Kearney, Goodin, Keating and Vice Mayor Smitherman, WE MOVE that the Administration provide a report on funding options for an Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio pilot youth mentoring program - HOPE, OPPORTUNITY, CHOICES AND CONSEQUENCES (H.O.C.C.) ACADEMY - for the upcoming summer to be part of the currently city-funded Community Police Partnering Center.

Below are options for funding this youth mentoring program:

Included as part of the Approved FY 2021 Budget Update, the operating budget for the Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV) included a “Strategic Opportunities Fund” for which the Hope, Opportunity, Choices And Consequences (H.O.C.C.) Academy would potentially qualify. The goal of this fund is to support the implementation of evidence based programming or best practices in support of the CIRV mission to reduce violence. The requested budget for CIRV for the FY 2022-2023 Biennial Operating Budget also includes funds for this purpose.

A second option would be to include the Hope, Opportunity, Choices And Consequences (H.O.C.C.) Academy in the City’s annual youth employment budget. Existing funds for the summer of 2021 have already been allocated, so an additional appropriation would be necessary to fund the pilot program.

The Administration looks forward to working with the City Council to potentially fund this pilot program.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager