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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. 36

- 2025

**ESTABLISHING** the City’s human services funding priorities for the first year of the biennial budget, beginning with FY 2026, the second year of the biennial budget (budget update), beginning with FY 2027, and subsequent budgets and fiscal years; **ESTABLISHING** a human services funding Impact Award for one large-scale social innovation project to be awarded only in the first year of the biennial budget, and a revised multi-year funding cycle for all human services funding; **ADVISING** the United Way of Greater Cincinnati (“United Way”) and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications that Council’s priorities for FY 2026 and FY 2027 are to allocate up to ten percent of appropriated human services funding for the Impact Award; 26 percent for Comprehensive Workforce Development Support; 26 percent for Youth Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction; 26 percent for Supporting, Securing, and Stabilizing Housing for High-Risk Populations; ten percent for Emergency Wrap-Around Services through Project LIFT; and two percent for overhead; **ADVISING** the United Way and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications that applicants that have previously applied directly to the City for Leveraged Support funding in the categories of Homelessness and Eviction Prevention, Human Services and Violence Prevention, or Workforce Programming and Poverty Reduction, should instead apply for human services funding; and **ADVISING** the United Way and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications that future Impact Awards categories will be determined by Council for the first year of each biennial budget.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 212-2019, passed June 19, 2019, established the City’s human services funding priorities for FY 2020 and subsequent fiscal years and advised the United Way of Greater Cincinnati (“United Way”) and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications of Council’s policy for human service funding priorities established by category and percentage; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 17-2023, passed January 25, 2023, established the City’s human services funding priorities for FY 2024 and subsequent fiscal years, advised the United Way and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications of Council’s policy for human services funding priorities established by category and percentage, and included a new Impact Award that prioritized eviction prevention and housing stabilization as the initial Impact Award category; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 270-2024, passed August 7, 2024, established the City’s human services funding priorities for the first year of the biennial budget, beginning with FY 2026, the second year of the biennial budget (budget update), beginning with FY 2025, and subsequent budgets and fiscal years and a human services funding Impact Award for one large-scale social innovation project to be awarded only in the first year of the biennial budget, and a revised multi-year funding cycle for all human services funding and that future Impact Award categories will be determined by Council for the first year of each biennial budget; and

WHEREAS, Council Motion No. 202500147, approved on January 29, 2025, established the City's human services funding priorities for FY 2026 and FY 2027, that Council have the ability to declare, define, and identify the focus area for the FY 2026 Impact Award, and that applicants who previously applied directly to the City for Leveraged Support funding in the categories of Homelessness and Eviction Prevention, Human Services and Violence Prevention, or Workforce Programming and Poverty Reduction should instead apply for human services funding, with the goal of reducing duplication and improving efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Council further requests the Administration consider increasing funding, subject to appropriation, for human services to represent the additional needs of service providers in the former leveraged support categories of Homelessness and Eviction Prevention, Human Services and Violence Prevention, and Workforce Programming and Poverty Reduction; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City's process for human services funding for the first year of the biennial budget beginning in FY 2026 shall include an Impact Award for one large-scale social innovation project and shall use a multi-year funding cycle for all human services funding as described in this ordinance.

Section 2. That the City's human services funding priorities for FY 2026 and FY 2027 and extending to subsequent budgets and fiscal years, are to allocate up to ten percent of appropriated human services funding for the Impact Award; 26 percent for Comprehensive Workforce Development Support; 26 percent for Youth Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction; 26 percent for Supporting, Securing, and Stabilizing Housing for High-Risk Populations; ten percent for Emergency Wrap-Around Services through Project LIFT; and two percent for overhead.

Section 3. That the United Way of Greater Cincinnati ("United Way") and any organizations assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications consider applicants that have previously applied directly to the City for Leveraged Support funding in the categories of Homelessness and Eviction Prevention, Human Services and Violence Prevention, or Workforce Programming and Poverty Reduction, for human services funding instead.



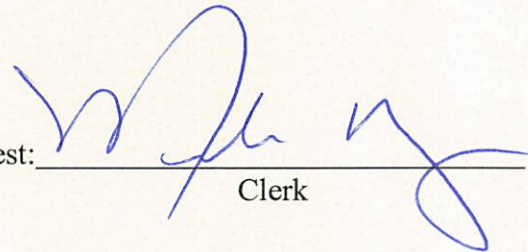
Section 4. That the United Way and any organizations assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications use the Impact Award category as determined by Council for the first year of each biennial budget.

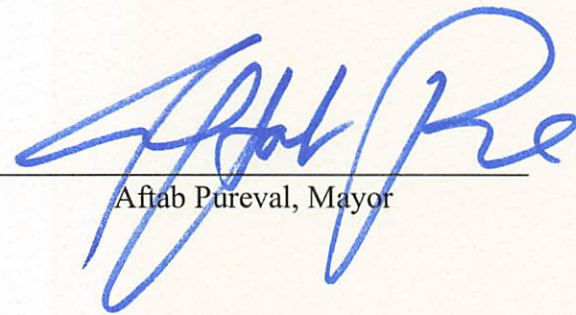
Section 5. That the United Way and any organizations assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications use the funding policy described in Sections 1 through 4 in evaluating applications for human services funding.

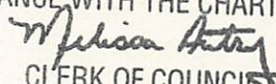
Section 6. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the provisions of Sections 1 through 5.

Section 7. 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 establish the City's human services funding priorities so that they can be taken into operational account by the City's human services funding partners in forthcoming human services funding allocations.

Passed: February 26, 2025

Attest:   
Clerk

  
Aftab Pureval, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 36-2025  
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 3/11/2025  
  
CLERK OF COUNCIL