

December 8, 2025

TO: Members of the Budget & Finance Committee

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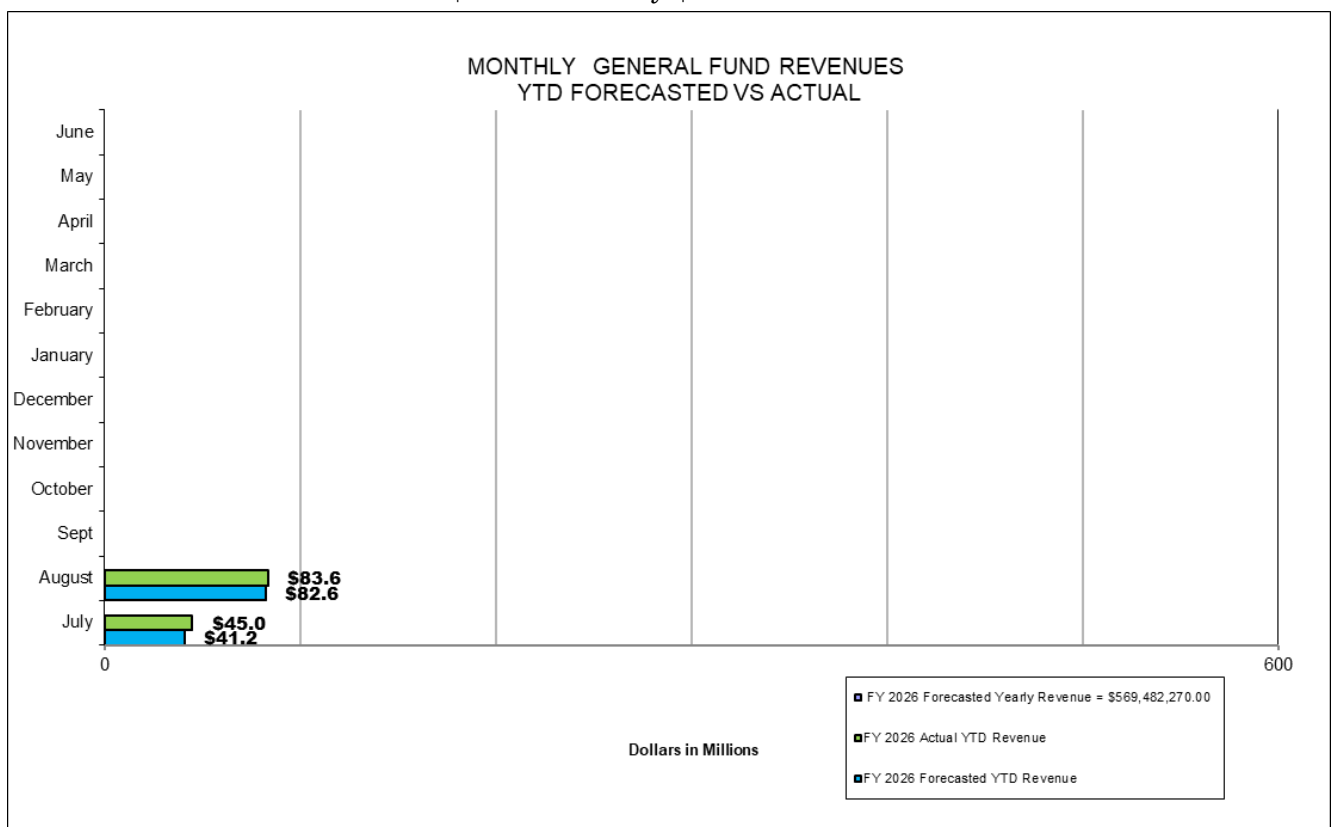
SUBJECT: Department of Finance Reports for the Month Ended August 31, 2025

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

The following report provides an update on the City of Cincinnati's financial condition as of the month ending August 31, 2025. This report represents the second report for the new 2026 fiscal year, ending June 30, 2026. Variances are based on current year estimates and prior year activity in attached schedules.

A more detailed explanation of revenues and expenditures is attached for review, including reports comparing the current year's actual revenue vs. forecasted revenue and prior year's actual revenue vs. current year actual revenue. Both of those reports are presented on a monthly and year-to-date basis.

The chart below portrays the performance of actual revenue collected against the forecasted revenue collected through August 31, 2025, and shows that actual revenue of \$83.6 million was above forecasted revenue of \$82.6 million by \$1 million.



The major revenue components of the General Fund are listed in the table below. This table highlights the year-to-date variance (favorable and unfavorable) in General Fund revenue collections as compared to forecasted revenue collections. Each major category that differs significantly from forecasted collections will be discussed in further detail.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE SOURCES			
	FAVORABLE VARIANCE	(UNFAVORABLE) VARIANCE	PERCENTAGE VARIANCE
General Property Tax	1,400		0.03%
City Income Tax		(\$636,302)	-1.17%
Admissions Tax	556,315		26.87%
Short Term Rental Excise Tax	29,850		5.09%
Licenses & Permits		(\$1,227,054)	-17.14%
Fines, Forfeitures, & Penalties		(\$312,332)	-27.48%
Investment Income			0.00%
Local Government	237,331		8.74%
Casino	58,548		2.30%
Police	1,233,494		56.54%
Buildings and Inspections		(\$180,501)	-10.88%
Fire	773,308		60.48%
Parking Meter	100		0.04%
Other	514,198		47.66%
	3,404,543	(\$2,356,188)	
Difference	1,048,355		

General Fund (favorable variance) is \$1 million above the amount forecasted through August in the FY 2026 Budget. This is the second month's report for the new fiscal year. What follows is an explanation of significant variances of individual General Fund revenue components.

Income Tax (unfavorable variance) is \$636k below the forecast amount. Income Tax projections have been estimated with a slight decrease from last year. This is the second month of the new fiscal year and as such there is not enough data to discern any trends.

Admissions Tax (favorable variance) is up \$556k above the forecasted amount. Along with the prior period payment received additional events at Great American Ballpark has contributed to the positive variance in this category.

Licenses & Permits (unfavorable variance) is \$1.2 million below the forecasted amount. Heating & Ventilating, Plumbing and Street & Sidewalk Privilege permits are way below estimates so far this summer creating the unfavorable variance. As it is early in the Fiscal Year and projects do fluctuate Finance will watch this as the year progresses.

Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties (unfavorable variance) are down \$312k below the forecast amount. Civil fines and moving violations are trending lower than estimated. Finance will work with Law to keep an eye on this category.

Police (favorable variance) is \$1.2 million above the forecasted amount. The department's detailed estimate was understated; therefore, we project this category finishing well above estimate for the year.

Fire (favorable variance) is \$773k above the forecasted amount. Fire's EMS third party vendor has received collections from prior periods as they continue to recover from their cyberattack.

Other (favorable variance) is up \$514k above the forecasted amount. Police received a grant reimbursement for a prior year thus causing the favorable variance.

Restricted Funds:

Convention Center (favorable variance) is \$273k above the forecasted amount. The receipt of a settlement payment originally estimated in FY25 was received in FY26 leading to the positive variance.

Golf (unfavorable variance) is down \$433k from the forecasted amount. Due to staff changes the department is behind on receipting payments. The variance should be corrected as they get caught up.

Riverfront Park (unfavorable variance) is \$210k below the forecasted amount. The latest flood damaged the parking system at the park. The Parks Department is working to get it repaired thus the unfavorable variance.

CAGIS (unfavorable variance) is down \$744k from the forecasted amount. Due to contract changes billing has not been able to be sent out yet this year. Once the contract is resolved and billing is initiated the variance should level out.

Submitted herewith are the following Department of Finance reports:

1. Comparative Statement of Revenue and Expenditures (Actual, Forecast and Prior Year) as of August 31, 2025.
2. Audit of the City Treasurer's Report for the month ended July 31, 2025.
3. Statement of Balances in the various funds as of August 31, 2025.

By approval of this report, City Council appropriates the revenues received in the various restricted funds on the attached Statement of Balances and as stated in greater detail on the records maintained by the Department of Finance, Division of Accounts & Audits. Such revenues are to be expended in accordance with the purposes for which the funds were established.

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