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Councilmember

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## **COMMUNICATION**

### ***Recommended FY26 Budget Adjustments***

#### **Growth Planning & Implementation**

- Mill Creek Corridor Planning Project: \$275,000
- Downtown Neighborhood Plan: \$200,000

#### **Fueling Growth Through Innovation**

- CincyTech: \$170,000
- Cintrifuse: \$145,000
- MidWest Con – AI Investment: \$72,500
- African American Chamber of Commerce: \$43,000

#### **Green Cincinnati Partners**

- Keep Cincinnati Beautiful: \$149,300
- Green Umbrella: \$34,000
- Groundwork Ohio River Valley: \$98,000
- City Employee Metro Pass Program: \$50,000

#### **Catalytic Capital**

- Fleet Replacements: \$1,000,000
- Clifton Cultural Arts Center: \$500,000

Total Recommended Adjustment: \$2,736,800\*

## **STATEMENT**

The above adjustments reflect my priorities for additional spending. Most importantly, I am advocating for continuing the work of stakeholders and residents in the Beekman Corridor and Lower Price Hill as they build out vision plans and strategies for activating key locations throughout the Mill Creek Valley. While Phases One and Three were supported in the FY25 budget, this allocation closes the gap for Phase Two and will allow this work to continue and come to life. Adjacent to the Mill Creek Valley, I am also advocating for the Community Budget Request to create a new Downtown Neighborhood Plan. Given the size and complexity of Downtown, as well as its proximity to Queensgate and the Mill Creek Valley, I am proposing additional funds

Source\*: Unallocated (\$1,756,421) + Convention Center Improvements (\$1,000,000)

be allocated to support a robust plan that incorporates City Council's objective of creating 20,000 new housing units in Downtown by 2035.

In addition to *Growth Planning and Implementation*, I am also recommending continued support for our leveraged partners who advance the Green Cincinnati Plan and attract innovative businesses to Cincinnati. The partners and recommended allocations outlined are intended to restore them to the same funding level as FY25, but assuming the two-percent reduction that has been applied across the FY26 Budget. Lastly, I am recommending capital expenditures to close the gap of the Clifton Cultural Arts Center, and further our investment in Fleet Replacements in FY26.

I want to thank Mayor Pureval and City Manager Long for working tirelessly to bring City Council a balanced budget that addresses the City's highest needs, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on passing a budget that reflects the priorities of this Council and ensures that we can provide best-in-class services for Cincinnati.



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