

**Date:** August 7, 2024

**To:** Councilmember Meeka Owens  
**From:** Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *EESW*  
**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – Human Services Ordinance Realignment**

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Transmitted herewith is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

**ESTABLISHING** the City of Cincinnati’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; **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 and any organization assisting the City with evaluating human services funding applications that Council’s priorities for the first year of the biennial budget, beginning with FY 2026, are to allocate up to 33 percent of appropriated human services funding for the Impact Award with any balance, if less than 33 percent is allocated to the large-scale social innovation project, allocated to organizations that further the work of the category selected for the Impact Award; 25 percent for Comprehensive Workforce Development Support; twenty percent for Youth Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction; ten 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 Council’s priorities for the second year of the biennial budget (budget update), beginning with FY 2025, are to allocate 33 percent of appropriated human services funding for organizations that further the work of the category selected for the Impact Award in the first year of the biennial budget; 25 percent for Comprehensive Workforce Development Support; twenty percent for Youth Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction; ten 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; 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.

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