

November 13, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DCED: Neighborhoods in Focus Initiative

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source of \$949,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251600, "Economic Development Initiatives – GF," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$674,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Community and Economic Development General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7200 to provide resources for the Neighborhoods in Focus Initiative; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$275,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Buildings and Inspections General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x211x7200 to provide resources for the Neighborhoods in Focus Initiative; and **DECLARING** that providing operating support for the Neighborhoods in Focus Initiative serves a public purpose because the program will foster local improvements and investment and increase neighborhood vitality.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and return to source of \$949,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251600, "Economic Development Initiatives – GF". Furthermore, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the following: (1) the transfer and appropriation of \$674,000 to Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) operating budget account no. 050x164x7200, to support the single-family housing developments; and (2) the transfer and appropriation of a total of \$275,000 to the Department of Buildings and Inspections (B&I) operating budget account no. 050x211x7200 with \$200,000 for the Housing Assistance Repair Building Order Remission (HARBOR) program and \$75,000 for the Landscape Maintenance Assistance Program, all for the Neighborhoods in Focus Initiative.

Providing resources for housing and neighborhood improvements through the Neighborhoods in Focus Initiative is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "[p]rovide a full spectrum of housing options, and improve housing quality and affordability" as described on pages 164-176 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to deploy funding to continue funding housing programs.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment



