

## EMERGENCY

MSS

- 2024

**AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$250,000 from the Cincinnati Police Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x222x1000x7289 as a moral obligation to Women Helping Women for outstanding charges related to services rendered in support of the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team in Calendar Year 2023.

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (“DVERT”) is a trauma-focused crisis response team that provides an on-call, on-scene response to domestic violence survivors to avert gender-based violence and prevent children from growing up in violent homes; and

WHEREAS, through the DVERT program Women Helping Women (“WHW”) provides on-scene safety planning, access to resources, empowerment, and engagement in ongoing support services; and

WHEREAS, the services WHW provides through DVERT are in direct support of Cincinnati Police Department (“CPD”) responses to calls for service related to domestic disputes and domestic violence, providing relief support to responding and investigating officers so that they can focus on criminal investigative aspects of domestic violence incidents; and

WHEREAS, CPD and WHW launched the DVERT program in the spring of 2018, and it is fully integrated into CPD Policy and Procedures; and

WHEREAS, the leveraged support funding for WHW was moved from the City Manager’s Office to the Cincinnati Police Department for Fiscal Year 2023 under the tenure of the previous CPD Finance Division Manager; and

WHEREAS, the current CPD Finance Division Manager was unaware of the transfer of funding and the need for a contract with WHW for Calendar Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, CPD Finance Management staff are prepared to continue working with WHW to ensure all necessary contracts are completed moving forward, including for Calendar Year 2024; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to provide payment for the services WHW rendered in Calendar Year 2023 in an amount totaling \$250,000; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay \$250,000 from the Cincinnati Police Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x222x1000x7289 as a moral obligation to Women Helping Women for outstanding charges related to services rendered in support of the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team in Calendar Year 2023.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Section 1.

Section 3. 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 provide payment to Women Helping Women for the services rendered in Calendar Year 2023.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk