

EMERGENCY

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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.

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2024, Council passed Ordinance No. 206-2024, which appropriated \$4,350,000 from the General Fund to capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251600, “Economic Development Initiatives – GF”; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhoods in Focus Initiative will provide \$200,000 for the Housing Assistance Repair Building Order Remission Program (“HARBOR Program”), and \$75,000 for the Landscape Maintenance Assistance Program, both of which will be administered by the City’s Department of Buildings and Inspections; and

WHEREAS, the Neighborhoods in Focus Initiative will provide \$674,000 for single-family housing developments, which will be administered by the City’s Department of Community and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, resources allocated to the HARBOR Program and the Landscape Maintenance Assistance Program will be used to provide repair services to homeowners to abate City-assessed housing code violations and to remove nuisance landscape features and replace them with appropriate plantings; and

WHEREAS, these resources will be used to target features that are directly visible from the right of way which are potentially hazardous, and which may cause damage to the owner’s property or to adjacent property structures; and

WHEREAS, resources allocated to the Single-Family Housing Development Program will facilitate the development of new single-family housing units; and

WHEREAS, 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); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That 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 is authorized.

Section 2. That \$674,000 is transferred and appropriated 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.

Section 3. That \$275,000 is transferred and appropriated 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.

Section 4. 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.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 4.

Section 6. 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 deploy funding to continue funding housing programs.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk