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Councilmember

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MOTION

WE MOVE that City Council allocates \$250,000 to Boys & Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati (BGCGC) for the purposes of expanding programs that combat the learning loss students are experiencing in the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The source should be anticipated federal relief funds through the American Rescue Plan.

STATEMENT

BGCGC is the premier youth service organization in the region, bridging learning gaps and serving at-risk youth age 5-18 for over 80 years. Thousands of Cincinnati Public School students have fallen behind their peers in other communities due to a year of virtual school. This represents the single largest challenge Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati is facing in the wake of COVID-19. Utilizing American Rescue Act dollars to fund agencies, such as Boys & Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati, that know how to bridge this gap is imperative.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati are asking the City of Cincinnati for \$50,000 for summer programming and \$200,000 for the upcoming school year to deepen our impact and stem the learning loss our kids face. The total ask of \$250,000 would help BGCGC bridge the learning gaps that have become heightened due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

With this funding BGCGC aims to increase the number of families served in Cincinnati to 1,000 from June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022. Also, they expect to support their academic team, by bringing the ratios of students engaged in academic work to staff from 15:1 to 5:1. This improved ratio, will help the academic team better connect one on one with the students they are helping to support.

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