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## **MOTION**

**WE MOVE** that City Council approve the allocation of a total of \$15,000 to New Prospect Baptist Church for “Trigger Free Fridays” for teens to be held at Rev. Damon Lynch III’s New Prospect Baptist Church in Roselawn on the last Friday of each month this summer: June 26, July 31, and August 28, 2026. The programming for each Friday includes food, a DJ, and engaging, active, fun activities for teens. At least 300 youth are expected to attend each Friday, based on a similar program, “Glow Back Summer Bash,” held on May 29, 2026. Approximately 400 youth attended the “Glow Back Summer Bash” at the New Prospect Baptist Church site.

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## **STATEMENT**

Young people need a “third space” – a safe place where they can release their energy, have fun, and build positive relationships with adults as well as other youth. New Prospect Baptist Church’s series of “Trigger Free Fridays” events for teens will attract hundreds of youth to their grounds in Roselawn. The property includes a baseball field designed by the Cincinnati Reds, walking trails designed by Great Parks, a gym with a basketball court, and much more. Supported by the physical infrastructure, the programming aims to keep youth engaged in a positive way. “Trigger Free Fridays” is scheduled for three sessions with at least 300 youth expected at each session. A “Glow Back” event on May 29, 2026 attracted approximately 400 youth. The request for each “Trigger Free Friday” session is \$5,000 for a total of \$15,000 for June 26, July 31, and August 28, 2026