

September 9, 2021

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager



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**Subject: Ordinance – Black Is Excellence Project**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager and employees of the Office of Human Relations to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, and other things of value from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other available sources for the purpose of completing the Black Is Excellence Project; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the donated funds into Special Revenue Fund No. 435, “Human Relations.”

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager and employees of the Office of Human Relations to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, and other things of value from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other available resources for the purpose of completing the Black Is Excellence Project. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the donations funds into Human Relations Fund 435.

The Black Is Excellence Project includes displaying banners on street poles and purchasing billboard space in Downtown Cincinnati for the purpose of bringing recognition to Black History Month in 2022. The total cost of the project is estimated not to exceed \$8,000.

The Black Is Excellence Banner Project is in accordance with the “Live” goals to “Build a robust public life” and “Create a more livable community,” as described on pages 149 and 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director  
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

