




Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
Vice Mayor

October 22, 2024

MOTION

WE MOVE that City Council allocate the remaining 2024 Closeout Budget carryover funds in the Operating Budget Contingencies Account as follows:

1. \$50,000 for the FreeStore FoodBank to provide food for students after school at transit centers, per a partnership created by Councilmember Anna Albi;
2. \$200,000 to replenish Cincinnati's quickly diminishing rent assistance funds; and
3. \$300,000 to Cincinnati Works to begin the creation of the Advance Peace anti-gun violence program.



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I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that the information furnished in the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I am not aware of any facts which would render the same misleading or incomplete.

Signature of _____

Name of _____

STATEMENT

1. **After school food program at transit centers:** Councilmember Anna Albi has created a partnership with the FreeStore FoodBank to provide healthy, after school snacks to give to our youth who are at the transit centers (i.e., Government Square, Oakley Station, Northside) after school.
2. **Rent Assistance:** Assistant City Manager Virginia Tallent and Human Services Director Deanna White have made City Council aware that rent assistance to prevent evictions is quickly diminishing. Hamilton County is no longer allocating funds to rent assistance. It is imperative that Cincinnati maintain this fund for our citizens in order to keep them housed, particularly as the cold, winter months approach.
3. **Gun Violence Interruption:** The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs awarded \$2 million in 2023 to Advance Peace in order to increase the number of cities implementing the anti-gun violence program. The U.S. Department of Justice's statement read in part: "America's homicide rate is among the highest in the world, and it is only increasing: the COVID-19 pandemic saw a rise in homicides, particularly among African American men. It is vital that cities work to reduce violence now. The Advance Peace (AP) model is an evidence-based gun violence interruption strategy that combines street outreach, case management, mental health support, employment support and job training, and other supports." Advance Peace interrupts the cycle of violence by building relationships with the individuals who are most likely to be involved in gun violence. In 2022, Advance Peace saved partner cities \$67-268 million, according to the U.S. Dept. of Justice.

Cincinnati Works already has several elements of the Advance Peace model in place and is willing to implement the program in its entirety, given that the City does not (yet) have an Office of Neighborhood Safety. In September 2024, members of Cincinnati Works' staff along with members of Vice Mayor Kearney's office went to Richmond, California to meet with the Advance Peace staff as well as the individuals whom the program serves. The founder of Advance Peace, DeVone Boggan, previously met with several members of our City's administration, appeared before our City Council's Public Safety and Governance Committee in 2023, spoke at Christ Church Cathedral's Third Annual Anti-Gun Violence Summit in 2024, and has remained in touch with Vice Mayor Kearney and her staff, Tianay Amat, Executive Director of Cincinnati Works, as well as community members

The \$300,000 investment by the City will be leveraged to raise additional dollars for the Advance Peace program.

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