

January 19, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager *SM*

202300357

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Office of Human Relations: Black Is Excellence Banner Project Donation**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of up to \$10,000 from Fifth Third Bank for the purpose of providing resources for the Black Is Excellence Banner Project; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the donated resources into Human Relations Fund 435 revenue account no. 435x8571.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of up to \$10,000 from Fifth Third Bank for the purpose of providing resources for the Black Is Excellence Banner Project. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the donated resources into Human Relations Fund 435 revenue account no. 435x8571.

The Black Is Excellence Banner Project includes displaying banners on street poles and on digital display boards in Downtown Cincinnati to bring recognition to Black History Month in 2023. Fifth Third Bank offered to donate resources to cover costs related to the banners and digital display boards. The City will use the donated resources to pay \$7,500 to the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber for the banners and to pay \$2,500 to the Cincinnati Center City Development Corp. (3CDC) for use of the digital display boards. The payments will be made from Human Relations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 435x101x7000x7289.

Acceptance of the donation does not require matching resources or new FTEs.

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

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the donation and pay the vendors in order to complete the Black Is Excellence Banner Project in time for Black History Month in February 2023.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

