



City of Cincinnati

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Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final

Economic and Cultural Opportunity

Chairperson Jan-Michele Kearney
Vice Chair Seth Walsh
Councilmember Scotty Johnson
Councilmember Albi

Monday, May 4, 2026

10:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

PRESENTATIONS

ARTSWAVE

Alecia Kinter, President & CEO

Ascend 2030

Rob Richardson, Founder Disruption Now

AGENDA

- [202601516](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney from Alecia Kinter, President, CEO, regarding Artswave.
Sponsors: Kearney
Attachments: [Presentation](#)
- [202601491](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney regarding ASCEND 2030: CINCINNATI'S NATIONAL MOMENT for responsible AI.
Sponsors: Kearney
Attachments: [Presentation](#)

ADJOURNMENT

The logo for 'arts wave' features the word 'arts' in a clean, white, sans-serif font. Below it, the word 'wave' is rendered in a stylized, white, wavy font that mimics the shape of ocean waves. The background of the entire image is a night scene of a city street with a large crowd of people, colorful light trails from a light show, and buildings in the distance.

arts
wave

Funding Arts. Fueling Community.

The 'discover more' logo is set against a yellow circular background with a subtle pattern of overlapping circles. The word 'discover' is in a purple, rounded font. Below it, the word 'more' is in a larger, bold purple font. A red plus sign is positioned to the left of the 'm' in 'more', and a blue wavy line is under the 'o' in 'more'.

discover
+ more

99 years of community supported arts

when our arts *thrive*, so do we.

Since 1927, countless gifts to **ArtsWave** have helped build the vibrant region we know today.



THE CINCINNATI
INSTITUTE
OF
FINE ARTS

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ORIGINAL TRUSTEES

Articles of Incorporation signed March 14, 1927 by:

Frank F. Dinsmore
Archbishop John T. McNicholas
Arthur Espy
Maurice J. Freiberg
C. A. Hinsch
Herbert G. French
Charles J. Livingood
E. W. Edwards
Louis T. More
Arthur R. Morgan
William Cooper Procter
William S. Rowe
Murray Seasongood
A. Clifford Shinkle
Robert A. Taft
George H. Warrington
Lucien Wulsin
John J. Rowe

March 22, 1927, meeting. B. H. Kroger elected as 19th Trustee.

June 1, 1927, meeting. Mr. George H. Warrington elected Temporary Chairman and Mr. Lucien Wulsin, Temporary Secretary.

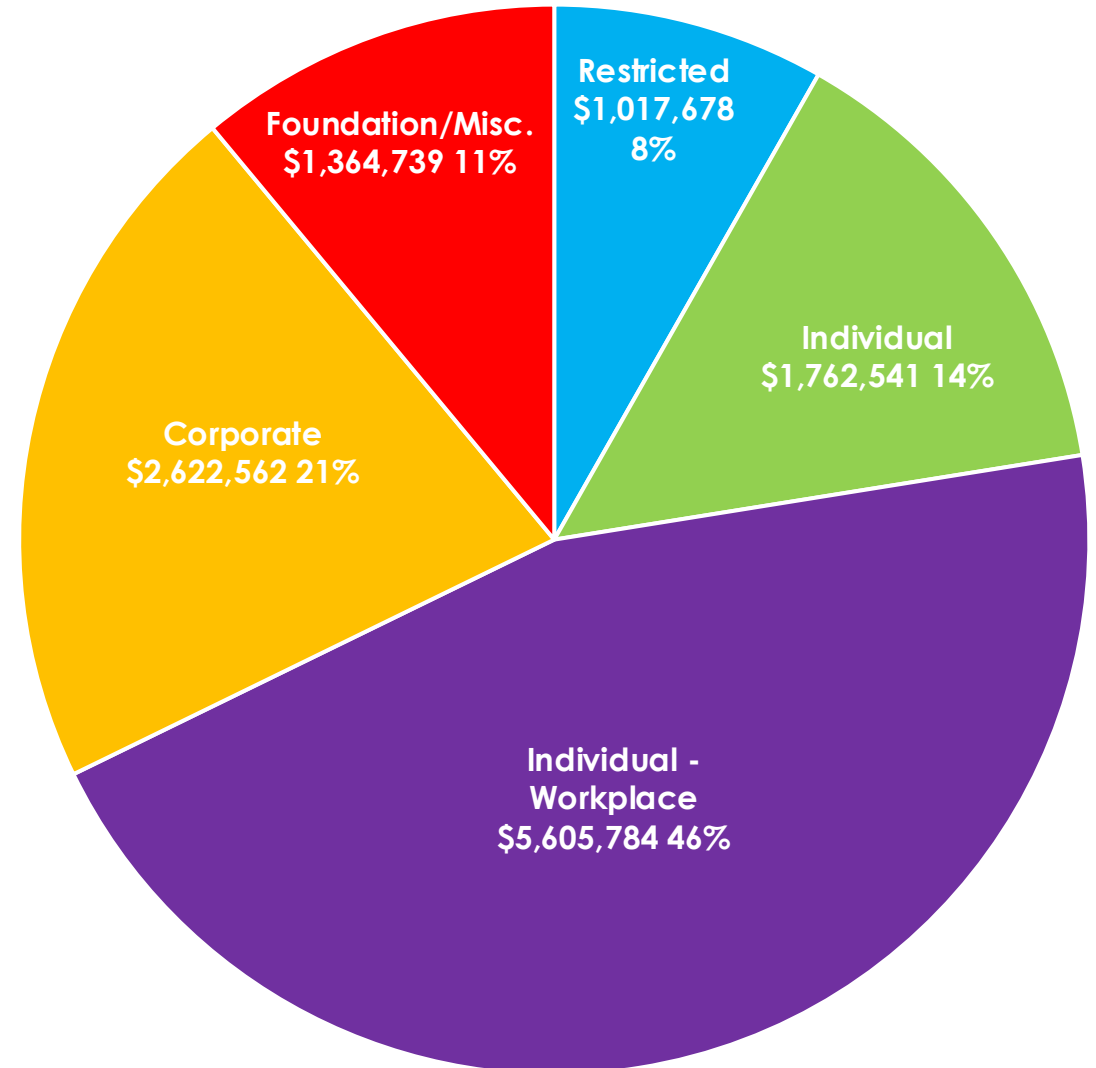
1930 - decision made to have incumbunt Mayor to serve as ex-officio Board member.

**THE CINCINNATI
INSTITUTE
OF
FINE ARTS**

2025 campaign *results*

\$12.3 Million
22,000+ donors

165 companies and organizations supported a workplace campaign, raising over **\$5.6 million** from employees.



arts are *leading the way*

Top 5% nationwide Arts-Vibrant Region
(5 in a row!)

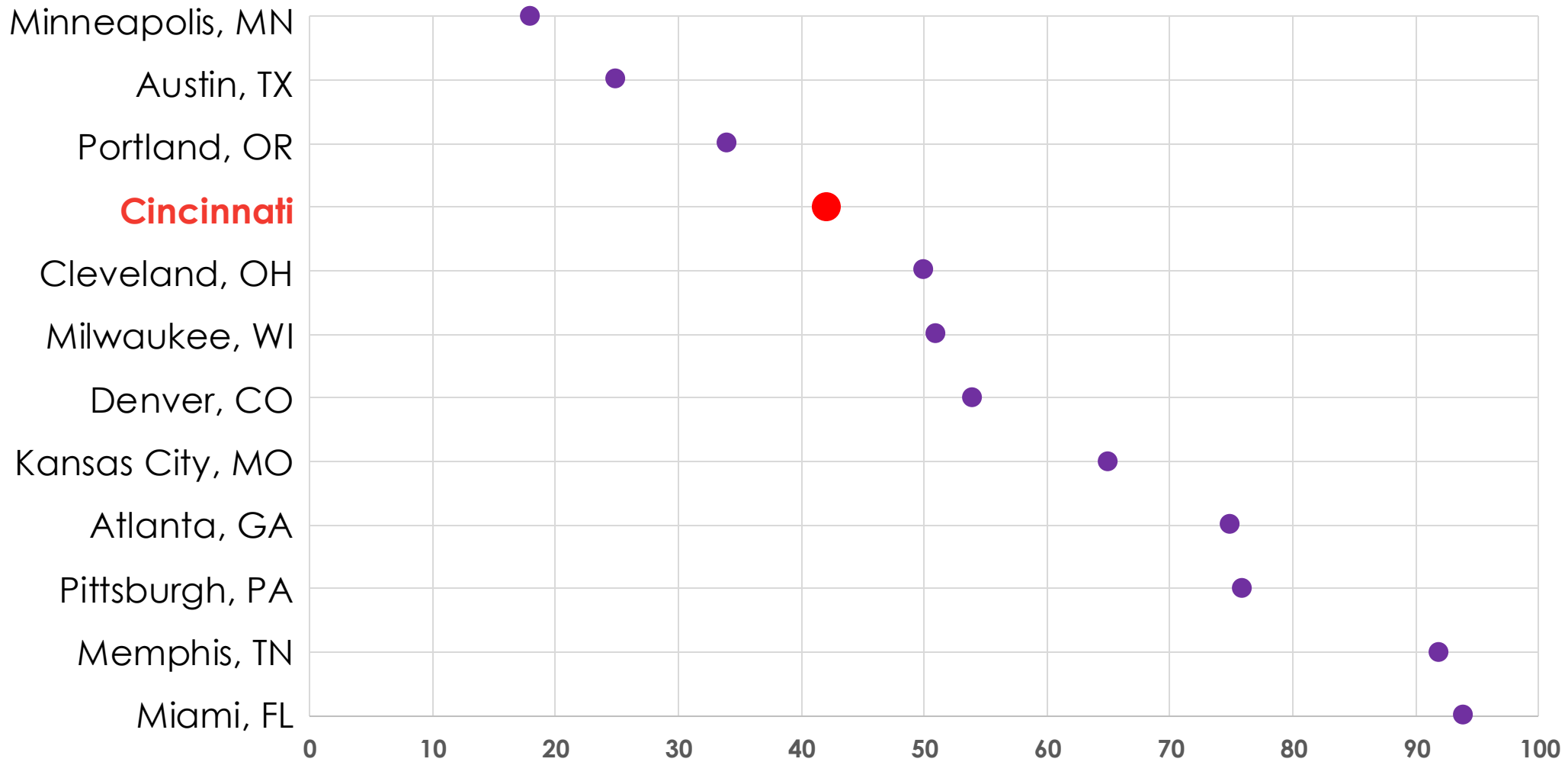
#2 in Nation for Street Art

Nation's **Largest** Arts and
Light Festival –
BLINK Oct 8-11, 2026

...so much more!



Arts Vibrancy: **Cincy** vs. U.S.



SMU DataArts, 2025 Arts Vibrancy Index – Top 100 Most Arts-Vibrant Communities, culturaldata.org



ECONOMIC IMPACT OF ARTS & CULTURE IN THE CINCINNATI REGION 2024


Cincinnati USA
Regional Chamber


CENTER FOR
RESEARCH & DATA
CINCINNATI USA REGIONAL CHAMBER

cincy's arts: *building* the region

\$751 million in capital investments since 2015 accounts for an additional **\$842 million** in ancillary economic impact.



cincy's arts: *contributing to* the region

\$1.6 BILLION
ECONOMIC IMPACT
FROM 2019-2022



LOOKING FORWARD

\$2.8 BILLION
ECONOMIC IMPACT
FROM 2023-2027

It is projected that the annual economic impact of the arts and culture sector will grow to \$586,687,865 in 2027 and the total economic impact from 2023 to 2027 will be \$2,773,142,848.

one vibrant region



...that take

+165 grants**
creating a ripple effect that reaches every neighborhood, from Northern Kentucky to the northern suburbs



ARTS FUEL CREATIVITY AND LEARNING



To unlock imagination and creativity by ensuring that all children in the region, particularly those who are underserved, have access to multiple arts opportunities.

To provide meaningful arts education opportunities for youth at all grade levels.

To grow tomorrow's arts audiences and supporters.



Half of all schools in the U.S. **do not offer any arts-related field trips.**

Arts Education in U.S. Public Schools: Insights from the November 2024 School Pulse Panel Survey



Now Serving
20,000 students
Each Year



cincinnati  art museum

arts ^{MORE} ARTS
wave  ^{MORE} KIDS

Cincinnati Public Schools
Grades 1-6 | **15,000 students**

CISE Schools
Grades 1-6 | **1,000 students**

Northern Kentucky Schools
Grades K-6 | **1,000 students**

Hamilton City Schools
Grades 2,4,6 | **2,500 students**

NEW
arts
wave

APP

DOWNLOAD
FOR *free* TODAY

artswave.org/app







thank you!

discover
+ more

arts
wave

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ASCEND 2030: CINCINNATI'S NATIONAL MOMENT. *Now*

A \$200,000 catalytic investment
to make Cincinnati the anchor city
for responsible municipal AI.

Presented to Cincinnati City Council · May 4, 2026



Belongs here.

LOCAL AI =
LOCAL JOBS.

The AI economy does not have to be extracted to the coasts. We provide local compute, local models, and local pathways.

We keep the upside. We fix the pipeline. We close the gap between "AI is coming to your job" and "AI is how you build your career."

SUPPORT
+ support for founders.

ACCESS:
Affordable tools +
CAREER PATHS.

CINCINNATI YOUTH:
AI LEARNING STARTING
IN MIDDLE SCHOOL



**Competitive Edge:
Attract Businesses.
Grow Our People.**

Builds the future

Affordable Access

01

A local AI Access Fund lowers the cost for Cincinnati small businesses and startups to build right here.

Talent Grown Here

02

UC research + AI Training Academy + workforce partners build a workforce of people who live, work, and stay here.

Upside Stays Home

03

Neighborhoods share in the economy. Fair by design. Competitive by default.

A \$200,000 *SPARK*. A COALITION THAT *MULTIPLIES* IT.



Led by Mayor Aftab Pureval · Rob Richardson, Chair · Dir. Eric Jamison · Clerk Pavan V. Parikh

PILOT 01: FASTER PERMITS. *Less* PAPERWORK. *More* PROGRESS.

Today's Problem

Thousands of pages. Hours per permit.

Staff read permit applications, environmental reports, and inspection records by hand.

Housing projects wait. Inspectors spend less time in the field.

Our Approach

AI reads. People decide.

Smart software reads scanned documents as they are — no giant cleanup project. It pulls out key facts and answers plain-English questions in seconds.

A qualified staff member signs off on every result.



The Non-Negotiable Rule

Human-in-the-Loop

AI Extraction

AI reads PDFs, extracts data, drafts summaries.



Human Validation

Qualified city staff verifies all outputs, checks citations, and retains absolute judgment.



Official Action



Faster permits, better communication, zero autonomous legal decisions.

Pilot 1: Unlocking Building & Inspections

The Bottleneck

Unstructured Data

Thousands of scanned permits, environmental reports, and legacy PDFs require manual data extraction, delaying housing development.

The AI Multiplier

Chattanooga Benchmark:

75% Faster

AI extracts regulatory citations instantly. Generative AI drafts correspondence. Research goes from hours to seconds.



SMALL BETS. BIG RESIDENT LIFT.

RESIDENT LIFT



TRANSLATION.

Real-time speech + text across Cincinnati's top languages. Every resident gets the same quality of service regardless of the language spoken at home.



FASTER

FASTER 311.

Quick, consistent answers. Day or night. Simple questions answered in seconds so staff focus on hard cases.



POLICY RESEARCH.

From weeks of searching to minutes. Staff ask plain-English questions about City rules and get answers with exact sources cited.

Procurement and AI

The RFP Procurement Agent: Transforming the Lifecycle



Citizen Trust Dashboard

Residents can track repair status via a live map. Transparency increases when the public sees "Data-Driven" spending on their specific neighborhoods.

SKIP THE BIG PROJECT. *CONNECT* WHAT WE HAVE.

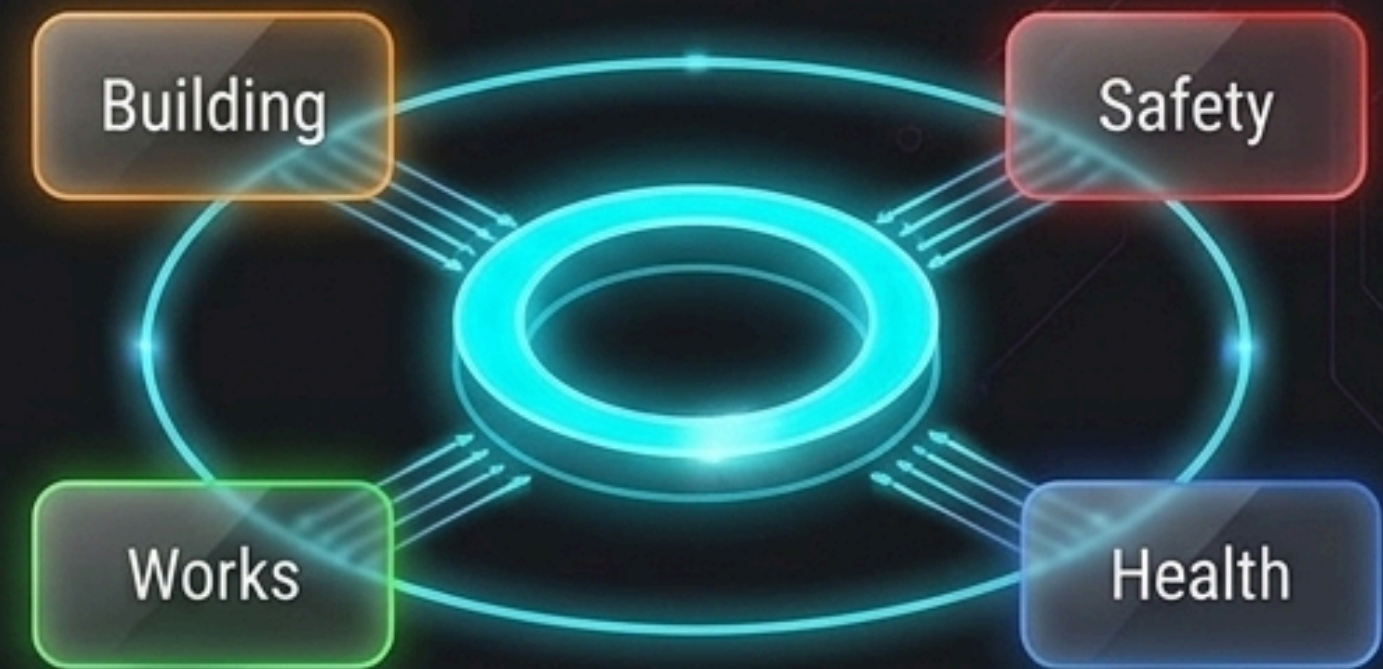
The Monolith



The Old Way (Stalls for years):
Moving every piece of city data into one giant system.

Versus

The Shared Search Model



Ascend 2030 Architecture (Work starts Day One):
Each department keeps its own data but publishes it in a safe, shared format. A simple search tool lets the right people find what they need across departments.

The team closest to the data stays responsible for it. The City owns everything.

THE RESPONSIBLE AI POLICY

ADOPTION



HUMAN JUDGMENT.

A qualified staff member reviews every AI result before the City acts. Residents are told when AI shaped a decision, it's explained in plain English, and it can be appealed.

SAFETY



STRESS-TEST EVERY TIME.

Before going live, we check for wrong answers, bad actors (tricking the tool), and privacy risks. Then we publish what we find.

EQUITY



EQUITY BY DESIGN.

No tool goes live if it treats any community worse based on race, income, neighborhood, or language. Affordable access for small businesses.

WORKFORCE



LEARN BY DOING.

Cincinnati AI Academy.
1,000+ residents trained by 2028.

YEAR ONE — 2026. **PASS THE POLICY.** RUN THE PILOTS. **PROVE THE PAYOFF.**



Q1: POLICY PASSED.

Council passes Responsible AI Policy and approves \$200K. Task Force officially begins.



Q2: TRAINING BEGINS.

Staff start learning with UC. Buying tools begins. Practice space opens.



Q3: PILOTS LAUNCH.

Faster Permits goes live. Shared data system connects. Results start coming in.



Q4: NATIONAL STAGE.

MidwestCon Summit. Year-1 results published. First federal grants submitted.

BEYOND 2026. CINCINNATI LEADS.

2027: EXPANSION.

AI Academy opens
(1,000+ TRAINED).
Healthcare AI lab launches
with Children's. More
departments connect.

2028: OPEN TO ALL.

Shared city data goes public.
First **FEDERAL GRANTS WON**.
AI Access Fund opens for
local founders.

2029: NATIONAL ANCHOR.

Full results report published.
Cincinnati becomes a
PERMANENT LEADER of the
national Government AI
Coalition.