

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept in-kind services in the form of a technical assistance scholarship provided by Center for Community Progress.

WHEREAS, Center for Community Progress is a national non-profit organization dedicated to tackling vacant properties that provides support to local communities to address systemic vacancy; and

WHEREAS, in September 2023, representatives from the City of Cincinnati, the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation, and the Hamilton County Treasurer’s Office attended an intensive training offered by Center for Community Progress focused on education of novel tools and policies for addressing vacant and deteriorated properties, which included the opportunity to obtain up to 150 hours of technical assistance, valued at approximately \$40,000, from Center for Community Progress; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati, in partnership with the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation and the Hamilton County Treasurer, submitted a successful proposal to Center for Community Progress to utilize the technical assistance from Center for Community Progress to build a coalition of partners and stakeholders impacted by vacant and deteriorated properties; and

WHEREAS, the technical assistance scholarship will be utilized by Law Department staff in collaboration with other City Departments and external stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, this scholarship does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this scholarship; and

WHEREAS, to meet the Center for Community Progress application deadline of January 9, 2024, the City already applied for the scholarship before the effective date of this ordinance, but no scholarship resources will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, the vacant property project and scholarship application is in accordance with the “Compete” goal to “[s]trategically select areas for new growth” and the “Live” goal to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods” as described on pages 114-119 and pages 156-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for and accept a donation of in-kind services of a technical assistance scholarship from Center for Community Progress.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of the scholarship and Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk