



City of Cincinnati

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Agenda - Final

Youth & Human Services

*Chairperson Anna Albi
Vice Chair Evan Nolan
Councilmember Ryan James
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney*

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

12:30 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

Overview of the Office of Human Services: Workstreams, Funding & Demographics Served

Deanna White, City of Cincinnati Director of Human Services

Human Services Chamber of Hamilton County – Amplifying the Collective Voice of the Human Services Sector

Dimity V. Orlet, Executive Director of ProSeniors / Hamilton County Human Services Chamber

Jordan Bankston, Founder and CEO of Forever Kings / Hamilton County Human Services Chamber

1. [202600052](#) **PRESENTATION** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 1/13/2026, regarding the Office of Human Services.
Sponsors: City Manager
Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Presentation](#)
[Attachment I](#)
[Attachment II](#)

2. [202600068](#) **PRESENTATION** submitted by Councilmember Anna Albi regarding Human Services Chamber of Hamilton County - Amplifying the Collective Voice of the Human Services Sector.
Sponsors: Albi
Attachments: [HSC Presentation to City Youth and Human Services Comm 1-13-26](#)

ADJOURNMENT



January 13, 2026

To: Members of the Youth & Human Services Committee

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

202600052

Subject: Presentation – Office of Human Services

Attached is a presentation regarding the Office of Human Services.

Cc: Deanna White, Director
John S. Brazina, Assistant City Manager



Office of Human Services



Presentation by: Deanna White, Director of Human Services
January 13, 2026

What's under the umbrella of Human Services?



Human Services Funding:

1. Manage partnership with United Way to subcontract with 74 projects + the Impact Award.
Includes partnership coordination with agencies that do the following work:
 - Youth Gun Violence Prevention & Reduction
 - Food Security (as it relates to gun violence)
 - Workforce Development
 - Housing Stability
2. Organize partner convenings.
3. Monitor benchmarks + metrics of projects, intervening when necessary.
4. Leadership of the Human Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) - monthly meetings.

What's under the umbrella of Human Services?



Manage contracts for funding awarded outside of the
Human Services Funding process:

- 1. Winter Shelter (overnight)**
- 2. Immigrant & Refugee Law Center**
- 3. CCAT**
- 4. Compass**
- 5. Generocity 513**
- 6. Women Helping Women**
- 7. Santa Maria**
- 8. Catholic Charities**
- 9. Ohio Justice & Policy Center**
- 10. Holloman Center for Social Justice**
- 11. Urban League**

What's under the umbrella of Human Services?



Access to Counsel

Eviction Prevention ecosystem:

1. Management of contracts with 4 partners in the ecosystem: United Way, Legal Aid, the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts Help Center & HOME (Housing Opportunities Made Equal).
2. Management of the rent assistance disbursement strategies + spending review, and contract.
3. Oversight of the contract with Stout, the expert third party evaluator recently finishing Year 1 of study + operationalizing the second year of planning for a pre-filing intervention and a data dashboard.



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Children's College Savings Account Pilot

1. Manage the contract with UWGC: strategies, goals, milestones, partners, enrollment events.
2. Explore potential to expand the pilot beyond year one.



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Safe & Clean Funding

1. Manage the contract with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful to include 3 funding cycles per year.
2. Review the funding recommendations from the Safe & Clean scoring committee.
3. Monitor the outcomes and spending of funded projects, intervening when necessary



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Trans Youth Mental Health & Safety

1. Manage the contract with Community Shares to include funding cycles in 2025 and 2026.
2. Monitor the outcomes and spending of funded projects, intervening when necessary.

What's under the umbrella of Human Services?



Daytime One Stop Center Feasibility

- 1. Working with others in City Administration & the community to explore the potential for a daytime one-stop center for people experiencing homelessness to receive help with basic needs and wraparound services.**

What's under the umbrella of Human Services?



Constituent Advocacy and Referrals

- 1. Work with constituents who call, email, and/or visit the City to request assistance with connections to housing services, food resources, mental health case management, etc.**



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THANK YOU!



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City of Cincinnati Human Services Fund

FY 25 Demographics Report

Prepared by:



Demographics

Summary of Total Funding by Priority Area:

Funding Priority Area	Award Total	# of Funded Programs
Comprehensive Workforce Development	\$2,137,675.00	25
Youth Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction	\$1,710,140.00	23
Supporting, Securing, and Stabilizing Housing for High-Risk Populations	\$1,393,507.01	19
Total	\$5,241,322.00	67

City of Cincinnati Residents Served: 36,875

Top 10 Zip Codes Served:

Zip Code	Number Served	Communities Included in Zipcode
45229	3083	Avondale, North Avondale
45202	2511	Over-The-Rhine, Central Business District, Walnut Hills, plus parts of CUF and East End.
45225	1968	East Westwood, Villages at Roll Hill, North Fairmount, English Woods, Millvale, Camp Washington, South Cumminsville
45205	1964	Price Hill, East Price Hill, West Price Hill
45211	1941	Westwood
45214	1630	West End, Fairmount, South Fairmount
45237	1396	Bond Hill, Roselawn, Golf Manor
45203	1108	West End, Queensgate
45230	834	Mt. Washington, California
45232	788	Winton Hills

Top 10 City Zip Codes Represent 51% of Total Number Served

Financial Status (Federal Poverty Level):

Financial Status	Number Served	Percentage Served
Disadvantaged (Below 200% FPL)	31,949	90%
Non-Disadvantaged (Above 200% FPL)	3,554	10%

Age:

Age Range	Number Served	Percentage Served
0 - 5 Years	1,667	4%
6 - 24 Years	21,244	55%
25 - 39 Years	6,700	17%
40 - 59 Years	4,738	12%
60 - 79 Years	1,850	5%
80 - 100+ Years	144	.37%
Age Unknown	2,468	6%

Gender:

Gender	Number Served	Percentage Served
Male	14,918	39%
Female	20,158	53%
Gender Non-Conforming	106	.28%
Gender Unknown	3,146	8%

Race:

Race	Number Served	Percentage Served
White/Caucasian	7,858	21%
Black/African American	26,507	69%
Asian	122	.32%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	33	.09%
American Indian or Alaska Native	64	.17%
Multi-Racial	1,468	4%
Other Race	770	2%
Race Unknown	1,450	4%

Ethnicity:

Ethnicity	Number Served	Percentage Served
Hispanic or Latino	1,157	4%
Not Hispanic or Latino	26,456	88%
Ethnicity Unknown	2,606	9%

<p>City funding opportunities that include human services related agencies:</p>	
<p>1. Human Services funding Managed by the United Way of Greater Cincinnati</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding is for 2 fiscal years • Current grantees are funded for FY26 and FY27 <p>This funding is for work priorities identified by City Council: Workforce Development, Youth Gun Violence Prevention & Reduction, Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention.</p> <p>NEXT FUNDING CYCLE opens~ February 2027</p> <p>Announcement will be made here: City of Cincinnati Human Services Fund Announces Request for Proposals - United Way of Greater Cincinnati</p>	<p>2. Leveraged Support funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding is for 1 fiscal year • Current grantees have funding for FY26 <p>This funding is currently for these priority areas: Arts, Environment, Economic Development & Neighborhood Support, and Equity & Inclusion</p> <p>NEXT FUNDING CYCLE opens ~February 2026</p> <p>Announcement will be made here: Leveraged Support - Office of Budget and Evaluation</p>
<p>3. Boots on the Ground funding Managed by the Greater Cincinnati Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding is for 1 year • Current grantees are funded for 2025 <p>These are \$25,000 grants for organizations with budgets of less than \$1 million. The funding is currently for these priority areas: food access, health care access, youth gun violence prevention, mental health & substance use services, workforce development, and youth development.</p> <p>NEXT FUNDING CYCLE OPENS ~January 2026</p> <p>Announcement will be made here: Requests for Proposal Greater Cincinnati Foundation</p>	<p>4. Safe and Clean funding Managed by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding is for 1 year <p>This funding is for projects that meet these criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Promote place-based physical changes/beautification to the shared environment of a community; 2) That are led by or engage youth in service; 3) In one of the top 10 communities experiencing violence <p>FUNDING CYCLES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFPs released 3x/year: in December, April and August. <p>Announcement will be made here: Safe and Clean Keep Cincinnati Beautiful</p>



**January 13, 2026 Presentation to
City of Cincinnati Youth & Human Services Committee**

Mission

Founded in 2013, the Human Service Chamber (HSC) is dedicated to developing and advocating for public policies that provide equitable opportunities for all community members to reach their full potential.

What We Do

HSC provides a forum for collaboration, mutual support, and a collective voice for human service non-profits. We help you identify opportunities, build relationships, and engage in policy advocacy that strengthens the community. Our work of HSC is guided by the creativity and expertise of member organizations who, for decades, have applied their skills to address unmet needs and build stronger, more resilient communities. By serving as a unified voice for the sector, we provide resources that create efficiencies and a platform for collective action.

Membership

HSC's membership includes more than 120 agencies, ranging from large social service organizations to grassroots groups, spanning the full breadth of the human services sector.

Nonprofits in our region not only provide essential direct services that support the safety and prosperity of our community but also contribute significantly to the local economy. These organizations employ 24,003 individuals with combined wages that totaled more than \$751.4 million (2024 Report).

Committees

Education, Housing, Mental Health, New Americans, Older Adults/Disability, Public Policy, and Workforce

Recent Initiatives

- Economic Impact Report – 2024
- Older Adults/Disability Priority Statement - 2024
- Statement in Support of Immigrants – 2025
- Proposal for City of Cincinnati Accessibility Survey – July 2025
- Statement re: SNAP Benefits – October 2025
- Voter Guide & Candidate Forum - Fall 2025

Partnerships & Collaborations

We work closely with elected officials, policymakers, business chambers, government agencies, foundations and other funders, Leadership Council for Nonprofits, OneSource Center for Nonprofit Excellence, and regional partners including the Cuyahoga and Franklin County Human Services Chambers.

Ongoing HSC Priorities with the City of Cincinnati

- Maintain and increase investment in human services funding
- Proactive collaboration with HSC on human services priorities, policy, and process
- An equitable and transparent RFP process