

May 3, 2021

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202101587
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Use of American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funds for FY 2021 Fiscal Stability COVID-Related Expenses**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP050, “FY 2021 COVID Expenses” for the purpose of providing fiscal stability funds to reimburse the General Fund for COVID related personnel expenses incurred by the Cincinnati Fire Department during FY 2021; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$18,700,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP050, “FY 2021 COVID Expenses” for the purpose of providing fiscal stability funds to reimburse the General Fund for COVID related personnel expenses incurred by the Cincinnati Fire Department during FY 2021; and **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP050, “FY 2021 COVID Expenses,” to be for a public purpose.

Included in the Administration’s recommended plan for use of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds is the designation of funds for fiscal stability, specifically for the Approved FY 2021 Budget Update. This Emergency Ordinance would establish American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP050, “FY 2021 COVID Expenses” for the purpose of providing fiscal stability funds to reimburse the General Fund for COVID related personnel expenses incurred by the Cincinnati Fire Department during FY 2021. Furthermore, this Emergency Ordinance would appropriate the sum of \$18,700,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP050, “FY 2021 COVID Expenses.” Finally, the use of these funds is declared to be for a public purpose.

Ultimately these reimbursements will free up appropriation in the Cincinnati Fire Department’s budget which will be utilized to transfer funds to other General Fund Departments in the General Fund Final Adjustment Ordinance (FAO) which will be presented to the City Council in May 2021.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to implement authorized American Rescue Plan-related support programs.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
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