

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

AUTHORIZING the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP037, "Child Care Funding," for the purpose of providing funds to support various child care-related initiatives and programs; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$5,558,964 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP037, "Child Care Funding," for the purpose of providing funds for a Neighborhood Childcare Relief Fund to support various child care-related initiatives and programs; and **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP037, "Child Care Funding," to be for a public purpose.

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive funding from the United States Department of the Treasury pursuant to the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") Act as part of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Act; and

WHEREAS, the child care industry has experienced negative economic consequences from the COVID-19 pandemic due to decreased enrollment, increased capital and operating costs, and other direct adverse effects stemming from the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable and available child care has forced parents from the workforce during the COVID-19 pandemic and deprived young children of social and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, an investment in child care will serve as a boost to the City's economy as well as directly helping child care providers to support children and parents who continue to struggle through the pandemic and its effects; and

WHEREAS, ARP funds are being made available for this use, and the City wishes to use ARP funds to provide funding for this purpose; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to establish American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP037, "Child Care Funding," for the purpose of providing funds for a Neighborhood Childcare Relief Fund to support various child care-related initiatives and programs.

Section 2. That the sum of \$5,558,964 is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP037, "Child Care Funding," for the purpose of providing funds to support various child care-related initiatives and programs.

Section 3. That expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP037, "Child Care Funding," are hereby declared to be for a public purpose because providing funds to support the child care industry will improve the general well-being of the people of Cincinnati, which is now necessary because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 3 hereof.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to implement authorized American Rescue Plan-related support programs.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk