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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DCED: Neighborhood Catalytic Projects

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer of and return to source the sum of \$1,994,178 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x231624, “Neighborhood Business Development – GFCO,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$1,994,178 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Department of Community and Economic Development, of which \$1,840,200 is transferred to General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7200, \$108,435 is transferred to General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7100, and \$45,543 is transferred to General Fund employee benefits operating budget account no. 050x164x7500, for the purpose of providing resources for predevelopment soft costs, feasibility studies, project delivery, and permanent improvement expenses to private property for various projects in the City as part of the Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment Program; and **DECLARING** that the projects funded as part of the Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment Program serve a public purpose because the projects will foster local improvements and investment and increase neighborhood vitality.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and return to source of \$1,994,178 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x231624, “Neighborhood Business Development – GFCO” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050. The Emergency Ordinance also transfers \$1,994,178 to various Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) operating accounts for the purpose of providing resources for predevelopment soft costs, feasibility studies, project delivery, and permanent improvement expenses to private property for various projects across in the City in the following neighborhoods: Over-the-Rhine (OTR), East Price Hill, West End, Avondale, Camp Washington, CUF, Spring Grove Village, and Walnut Hills. A full list of the projects is provided at the end of the transmittal. Additionally, the Emergency Ordinance declares that the projects serve a public purpose.

Investing in neighborhood catalytic projects is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "Create a more livable community" as described on page 156, the "Connect" goal to "Develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability" as described on page 129, and the "Compete" goal to "Cultivate our position as the most vibrant and economically healthiest part of our region," as described on page 114 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to deploy funding for the described Cincinnati neighborhood catalytic projects.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
 Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachments

Organization	Project	Project Address	Amount	Neighborhood
Imperial 280 LLC and Imperial Theatre Mohawk Alliance	Imperial Theatre Pre-Development	278-280 W McMicken Ave.	\$100,000.00	Over-the-Rhine
Price Hill Will	3509 Warsaw Ave. Pre-Development	3509 Warsaw Ave.	\$100,000.00	East Price Hill
Robert O’Neal Multicultural Arts Center	ROMAC+Katalyst at The Regal Project Pre-Development	1201 Linn St.	\$100,000.00	West End
Uptown Consortium Inc.	Innovation Greenway Schematic Design of Public Greenspace	Northeast Quadrant of MLK and Reading Rd. Redevelopment Area	\$100,000.00	Avondale
Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses	First German Reformed Church Pre-Development	1815 Freeman Ave.	\$100,000.00	West End
Camp Washington Urban Redevelopment Corporation	2965 Colerain Avenue Pre-Development	2965 Colerain Ave.	\$100,000.00	Camp Washington
Clifton Heights CURC	495 Riddle/496 Sandheger Pre-Development	495 Riddle Rd./496 Sandheger Pl.	\$100,000.00	CUF
American Sign Museum	Phase II of Museum Expansion - Food Service Equipment	1330 Monmouth Ave.	\$100,000.00	Camp Washington
Village Development Corporation	Pocket Park Implementation	4648 N Edgewood Ave.	\$20,200.00	Spring Grove Village
West End Sports Bar & Grill	1726 Linn St. Redevelopment	1726 Linn St.	\$320,000.00	West End
ArtWorks	Creative Campus Redevelopment	2429 Gilbert Ave.	\$150,000.00	Walnut Hills
YWCA	New Shelter Renovation	3565 Van Antwerp Pl.	\$500,000.00	Avondale
OTR A.D.O.P.T.	The Volkshaus Renovation	123 McMicken Ave.	\$50,000.00	Over-the-Rhine