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Greg Landsman
Councilmember

May 10, 2021

MOTION
Omnibus ARP Year 1 Motion

We hereby move that American Rescue Package funding is appropriated as described below.

| <i>Neighborhoods & Small Businesses</i> | <i>Year 1</i> |
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| Neighborhood Activation Fund | \$1,000,000.00 |
| Neighborhood Business District Support Grants | \$2,250,000.00 |
| Neighborhood Projects: Build Cincinnati Development Fund | \$1,000,000.00 |
| Neighborhood Project: The Mark | \$350,000.00 |
| Neighborhood Project: First Lutheran Church Bell Tower | \$1,000,000.00 |
| Community Council Relief | \$510,000.00 |
| Community Economic Advancement Initiative (CEAI) | \$500,000.00 |
| Department of Transportation Engineering (DOTE) (Pedestrian Safety) | \$1,000,000.00 |
| Neighborhood Child Care Recovery Fund** | \$5,558,964.00 |
| Neighborhoods: Outdoor Dining & Pedestrian Safety Infrastructure | \$1,000,000.00 |
| Downtown: Outdoor Dining & Pedestrian Safety Infrastructure* | \$2,000,000.00 |
| Ascend - Minority Business Accelerator Fund* | \$2,500,000.00 |
| Restaurant Grants Phase II* | \$4,000,000.00 |
| Total | \$22,668,964.00 |

Housing

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| HARBOR | |
| (Homeowner Assistance Repairs and Building Order Remission) Program | \$1,000,000.00 |
| Stabilization and Preservation | \$3,500,000.00 |
| Affordable Housing Trust Fund | \$2,500,000.00 |
| The Port Affordable Housing Projects*** | \$2,500,000.00 |
| Minority Business Real Estate Partnerships*** | \$3,000,000.00 |
| Bethany House | \$1,000,000.00 |

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**Detailed funding plan in attached document

***\$923,076 of the total of these two items would come out of H.O.M.E eligible dollars

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| Eviction Prevention Support | \$1,000,000.00 |
| Total | \$14,500,000.00 |

Youth Support & Jobs

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| CYC - Youth Jobs | \$371,000.00 |
| Boys and Girls Club | \$300,000.00 |
| Pool Extended Season for CRC | \$200,000.00 |
| Youth2Work | \$1,000,000.00 |
| ArtWorks Youth Employment Initiative | \$500,000.00 |
| Rec Center Extended Summer Hours | \$300,000.00 |
| Grant Us Hope | \$50,000.00 |
| Total | \$2,721,000.00 |

Social Services, Health & Safety

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| Cincinnati Health Department | \$3,100,000.00 |
| <i>Vaccine/COVID Outreach with Center for Closing the Health Gap</i> | <i>\$500,000.00****</i> |
| UCHealth: Emergency Medical Services Canopy, Goodman Street | \$1,400,000.00 |
| Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses Trauma Recovery Center | \$200,000.00 |
| Place-Based Investigations of Violent Offender Territories (PIVOT) | \$500,000.00 |
| Food Insecurity: La Soupe | \$250,000.00 |
| Food Insecurity: Last Mile | \$50,000.00 |
| Social Services Operational Grants* | \$2,000,000.00 |
| Total | \$6,400,000.00 |

Art & Culture

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| Performing Arts Support Grants* | \$7,000,000.00 |
| BLM Mural | \$150,000.00 |
| Total | \$7,150,000.00 |

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City Operations

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| Hazard Pay* | \$2,800,000.00 |
| Total | \$2,800,000.00 |
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| TOTAL | \$33,939,964.00 |
| <i>Amount of funding unallocated</i> | \$1,553,487.00 |

STATEMENT

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a destructive impact on our economy, our communities, and our children and families. It has exasperated existing inequities and forged new ones; decimated businesses, organizations, and nonprofits; and, forced beloved aspects of our City to be stymied for our collective greater health. The past year served as a reminder of the critical role government plays in keeping communities afloat.

As we move forward toward recovery, Cincinnati has been given a wonderful opportunity. The federal funds we will receive from the American Rescue Plan could help our city not only recover from the pandemic, but grow into a more equitable, sustainable, and economically viable community for all. To achieve this, we must give each distribution of this funding the weight it deserves.

Over the past month, Council has engaged with the community, consulted with experts and local leaders, and Councilmembers have submitted several proposals for where funding should go, per our personal priorities and the priorities of constituents. Now, it is time for us to come together to find a consensus. I hope this Omnibus Motion can act as a starting point for finding common ground as we work to prioritize the allocation of funding and move to get fiscal relief to those who need it.

*“A budget should reflect the values and priorities of our nation and its people.”
~ Mary Landrieu*

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First, jobs and housing

The impacts of this pandemic and the economic fallout have been widespread, but particularly prevalent are the issues of housing and employment. Many businesses have suffered, leading to high levels of unemployment and housing insecurity. This is especially prevalent in households with children, with over one-fifth of renters with children reporting they are not caught up on rent. It is imperative we invest a majority of our American Rescue Plan in ensuring hardworking Cincinnatians can get back to work and stay in their homes.

Second, taking care of our youth

The impacts of the pandemic on children and youth can not be overstated. From reading loss to mental health decline and increases in violence activity—we have a responsibility to do all we can to curb these negative trends by making sure Cincinnati's children and youth recover from the challenges of 2020-21. After all, they are our future.

Third, health, trauma care, and social services

If this pandemic has shown us anything, it's that we must invest in public health infrastructure for the greater benefit of our communities. So, it is key that we replenish the needs of our municipal health department and make sure local health care projects can move forward.

Additionally, violence and trauma (especially domestic violence and gun violence) have spiked during the pandemic. The number of homicides and shootings in Cincinnati in 2020 broke records, making it our city's "deadliest year." We know from research that victims of violence are more likely to perpetrate violence toward others—we can break the cycle of violence we are experiencing by investing in comprehensive and effective trauma care for victims, and better social services for all.

Fourth, art and culture

Author Julia Cameron said, "Art opens the closets, airs out the cellars and attics. It brings healing." It is crucial that as we move to recover from this pandemic, we have collective outlets for healing and community-building. Robust investment in local art and culture—especially initiatives that nurture minority voices—will be a meaningful project for the health of our city.

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