

May 18, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202201196

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – DEI: 2022 Business Enterprise Expo Donations**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager and employees of the Department of Economic Inclusion to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, participation fees, and other things of value from the business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources for the City of Cincinnati’s 2022 Business Enterprise Expo; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the donated funds into Fund 314, “Special Events.”

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager and employees of the Department of Economic Inclusion (DEI) to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, participation fees, and other things of value from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources for the purpose of providing resources to support the City of Cincinnati’s 2022 Business Enterprise Expo. This Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit funds donated to the City of Cincinnati for the 2022 Business Enterprise Expo into Fund No. 314, “Special Events.”

The 2022 Enterprise Business Expo will be hosted by the DEI on September 30, 2022, at the Duke Energy Convention Center (DECC). This event will allow DEI-certified businesses to meet larger businesses within the City, promote peer-to-peer networking, and strengthen the relationship between DEI and the City’s business community.

Participation fees will be waived for any businesses certified prior to the day of the Expo. DEI will also certify new businesses at the 2022 Business Enterprise Expo.

The 2022 Business Enterprise Expo is in accordance with the “Compete” goal to “Foster a climate conducive to growth, investment, stability, and opportunity” and the strategy to “Build a streamlined and cohesive development process” as described on pages 111 – 113 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment