

June 11, 2025

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Budget: FY 2025 Discretionary Reserve Transfers for FY 2026**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return of \$7,224,948 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 in accordance with the attached Schedule of Transfer Part A; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$7,224,948 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Discretionary Reserve,” to preserve resources for commitments made in FY 2025 that will be fulfilled in FY 2026; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return of \$7,224,948 from balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Discretionary Reserve,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 effective July 1, 2025; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$7,224,948 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various operating budget accounts in accordance with the attached Schedule of Transfer Part B effective July 1, 2025, to provide resources for various programs and services approved by Council in FY 2025; and **AUTHORIZING** the expenditure of \$150,000 in local matching resources for Ohio Department of Development Brownfield Remediation grants that The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority applied for to expand the area-wide urban setting designation in the east, north, and west regions, in the amount of \$50,000 each.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and return of \$7,224,948 to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 in accordance with attached Schedule of Transfer Part A. This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the transfer of \$7,224,948 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Discretionary Reserve,” to preserve resources for commitments made in FY 2025 to be fulfilled in FY 2026. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the transfer and return of \$7,224,948 from balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3422, “Discretionary Reserve,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 effective July 1, 2025. This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$7,224,948 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various operating budget accounts in accordance with the attached Schedule of Transfer Part B, effective July 1, 2025, to provide resources for various programs and services previously approved by Council in FY 2025. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the expenditure of \$150,000 in grant matching resources for Ohio Department of Development (ODOD)

Brownfield Remediation grants applied for by The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority in the amount of \$50,000 each for the expansion of the area-wide urban setting designation in the east, north, and west regions.

A total of \$7,224,948 in General Fund resources is required in FY 2026 to meet the commitments outlined below:

**Access to Counsel and Housing Stability and Tenant Protection (\$1,210,000)**

The Approved FY 2025 Budget Update provided \$1,010,000 in resources for Access to Counsel and Ordinance No. 0211-2024 provided \$200,000 for Housing Stability and Tenant Protection funding for Rental Assistance. These resources will not be expended before the end of FY 2025 but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026.

**Public Art Initiatives (\$250,000)**

The Approved FY 2025 Budget Update provided resources for public art initiatives that will not be expended before the end of FY 2025. However, these resources will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026.

**Day Center Operations (\$100,000)**

The FY 2025 General Fund Final Adjustment Ordinance (FAO) provided resources for operations of a day center for those experiencing homelessness that will not be expended in FY 2025. However, these resources will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026.

**Financial Freedom Initiatives (\$485,725)**

A portion of the resources provided in Ordinance No. 0320-2024 for Financial Freedom initiatives related to children's savings accounts will not be expended in FY 2025 but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026. Ordinance No. 0148-2025 provided resources for Financial Freedom initiatives related to a grocery delivery pilot that will not be expended before the end of FY 2025 but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026.

**Childcare Pilot Program (\$275,000)**

A portion of the resources provided in Ordinance No. 0320-2024 for the continuation of a childcare pilot program will not be expended in FY 2025 but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026.

**Violence Reduction Initiatives (\$869,540)**

The Approved FY 2025 Budget Update provided resources for violence reduction initiatives that will not be expended before the end of FY 2025 but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026.

**Recycling Initiatives (\$637,750)**

The Approved FY 2025 Budget Update provided resources for recycling that will not be expended in FY 2025, but in FY 2026 \$70,000 will be provided for the purchase of a recycling vehicle, \$79,000 will be used for Keep Cincinnati Beautiful's Don't Dump the Nati Program, as authorized in Ordinance No. 0128-2025, \$450,000 will be used

to purchase recycling carts, and \$38,750 will be used for a grant match for The Recycling Partnership (TRP) Multifamily Pilot Program as indicated in Ordinance No. 0105-2025.

#### **Green Umbrella Green Workforce Development Funding Agreement (\$500,000)**

The Approved FY 2025 Budget Update included resources for recycling that will not be expended in FY 2025. However, the resources will be reprogrammed in FY 2026 for the Green Umbrella green workforce development funding agreement approved by Council in Ordinance No. 0129-2025 on May 21, 2025.

#### **Brownfield Remediation Grant Matches (\$150,000)**

The Approved FY 2025 Budget Update included resources for recycling that will not be expended in FY 2025. However, the resources will be reprogrammed in FY 2026 to serve as matching funds for Ohio Department of Development Brownfield Remediation grants applied for by The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority.

#### **Fleet Electrification Plan (\$131,624)**

Ordinance No. 0205-2024 provided resources for the City's fleet electrification plan that will not be expended in FY 2025 but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026.

#### **Warm-Up Cincy (\$507,934)**

The Approved FY 2025 Budget Update and Ordinance No. 0205-2024 provided resources for Warm-Up Cincy that will not be expended in FY 2025 but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026.

#### **Homeownership Conference Funding Agreement (\$35,000)**

The Approved FY 2025 Budget Update included resources for the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) that will not be expended before the end of FY 2025 but will be provided for a funding agreement for a homeownership conference in FY 2026.

#### **Homesafe Tax Relief Program (\$159,870)**

Ordinance No. 0205-2024 provided resources for the Homesafe Tax Relief Program that will not be expended before the end of FY 2025 but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026.

#### **Incentive Study (\$55,000)**

Ordinance No. 0205-2024 provided resources for an incentive study for DCED that will not be expended before the end of FY 2025 but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026.

#### **Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment Program (\$382,505)**

A portion of the resources provided in the City's Approved FY 2025 Budget Update for the Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Investment Program (NCCIP) will not be expended before the end of FY 2025 but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026.

Awards have been made, but not all awards will be under contract by the end of FY 2025.

**Small Business Support Programming (\$110,000)**

The City's FY 2025 General Fund Final Adjustment Ordinance (FAO) provided resources for small business support programming will not be expended in FY 2025 but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026.

**West End Community Development Initiatives (\$850,000)**

Ordinance No. 0266-2024 provided resources for West End community development initiatives that will not be expended in FY 2025 but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026.

**Plan Cincinnati Comprehensive Plan (\$250,000)**

The Approved FY 2025 Budget Update provided resources to update the Plan Cincinnati Comprehensive Plan that will not be expended in FY 2025 but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026.

**Price Hill Landing Engagement Initiatives (\$150,000)**

Ordinance No. 0418-2024 provided resources for engagement activities related to Price Hill Landing that will not be expended in FY 2025 but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026.

**Minority Business Program (\$115,000)**

The Approved FY 2025 Budget Update provided resources for the Minority Business Program that will not be expended in FY 2025 but will be provided for that purpose in FY 2026.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to preserve FY 2025 resources for deployment in FY 2026 to meet commitments.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director  
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachments