

December 1, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – FY 2022 Mid-Year Budget Adjustments

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer of the sum of \$700,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of the sum of \$1,152,123 within the General Fund, from and to various operating accounts and the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund according to the attached Schedule of Transfer, for the purpose of realigning and providing funds for the ongoing needs of City departments.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer of \$700,000 from the General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050. \$700,000 is then appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Cincinnati Police Department's personnel operating budget account, according to the attached Schedule of Transfer, for the purpose of providing additional funds for Police Visibility Overtime (PVO) to address an increase in violent crime. Funds will be strategically deployed to hot spots and event areas in an effort to mitigate the increase in crime.

Within the General Fund, an amount of \$332,123 is transferred within the City Manager's Office for the Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses (CCROW) program to better align expenses which will now be incurred from the non-personnel operating budget.

The Department of Economic Inclusion (DEI) has a non-personnel need of \$85,000 to replace non-personnel funds that were needed to satisfy leveraged support obligations from FY 2021. DEI has sufficient personnel savings from position vacancies to cover this need.

Finally, the Department of Law has a non-personnel need of \$35,000 related to additional unplanned outside counsel expenses including a contract extension related to the housing court. Savings from the General Fund non-departmental Lump Sum Payments account will cover this need.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow for the continuation of uninterrupted services in FY 2022.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment