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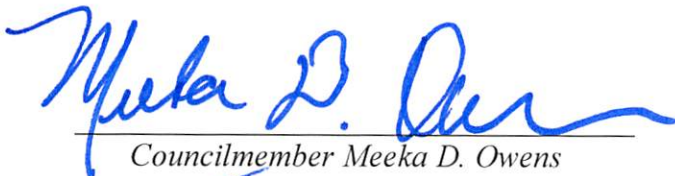
MOTION


Innovating the Leveraged Support Process

WE MOVE that the Administration design an efficient, streamlined application process for all organizations that request leveraged support funding from the City budget. This process should be designed to collect all information that is necessary to make an informed decision when allocating leverage support funds. It should also be done in line with the City's Performance-Based Contract Policy, as outlined in Ord. 309-2018 (attached for reference). The primary purpose of this process shall be to collect the information and documentation so that Council and the Mayor can make an informed decision on the allocation of leveraged funds.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Administration take additional steps to measure the outcomes of organizations that receive allocations from either leveraged support or the human services fund. This reporting mechanism should be publicly available. In particular, the process should track the outcomes of organizations that request the continuation or repeating of funds. The process should make it clear to applicant organizations that support received is intended to be a one-time allocation.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Administration provide a report and present to the Climate, Environment and Infrastructure Committee on the designed process by November 30, 2022. The report should include a final deadline for application submissions and recommendations for the steps that must be taken to formally adopt the application process as the singular, official process for applying for leveraged support.


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STATEMENT

The City of Cincinnati, its employees, and its elected officials have a responsibility to make informed decisions to ensure that public dollars are spent effectively. However, often councilmembers are not equipped with sufficient knowledge and documentation to make informed decisions. For example, information such as demographics or population served, board makeup, the salaries of organization executives, and tax paperwork like the Form 990 all can be useful in determining whether to allocate funds, and how much to allocate. A process of information gathering will be beneficial for Council in their decisionmaking capacity and would additionally serve to hold the City accountable, responsible, and transparent with taxpayer dollars.