

September 10, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Urban League Moral Obligation**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the payment of \$7,152.91 as a moral obligation to the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio for services provided to the City as part of the Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence related to the continued and uninterrupted deployment of Community Engagement Specialists to targeted neighborhoods affected by gun violence.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the payment of \$7,152.91 as a moral obligation to the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio for services provided to the City as part of the Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV) related to the continued and uninterrupted deployment of Community Engagement Specialists to targeted neighborhoods affected by gun violence.

The current contract with the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati did not begin until December 1, 2019. Costs were incurred by the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio for services provided prior to this date to minimize disruption to the deployment of Community Engagement Specialists to neighborhoods affected by gun violence, which necessitates a moral obligation payment.

This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to make a payment of \$7,152.91 from the City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x5000x7289, to the Urban league of Greater Southwestern Ohio as a moral obligation of the City of Cincinnati, for services related to the continued and uninterrupted deployment of Community Engagement Specialists to targeted neighborhoods affected by gun violence as part of the Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence. Sufficient funds are available for this expense.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio for work performed by Community Engagement Specialists prior to the execution of a contract on December 1, 2019.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment