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An Ordinance No. 399 - 2020

**AUTHORIZING** the acceptance of the sum of up to \$1,000,000 from the Hamilton County, Ohio Coronavirus Relief Fund on behalf of the Duke Energy Convention Center for COVID-19 related expenses; **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the funds in Fund 103, "Convention Center"; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Convention Center Fund 103 to the Convention Center Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 103x243x7300 for the purpose of providing reimbursement of or resources for certain non-personnel expenditures as set forth in the attached Attachment A; **AUTHORIZING** the acceptance of the sum of \$302,724.10 from the Hamilton County, Ohio Coronavirus Relief Fund redistribution process for the purpose of providing reimbursement of or resources for certain non-personnel expenditures related to COVID-19 response; **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the funds in Fund 473, "COVID-19"; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$302,724.10 from the unappropriated surplus of COVID-19 Fund 473 to the COVID-19 Fund 473 City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 473x101x7200 for the purpose of providing reimbursement of or resources for certain non-personnel expenditures in the Department of Finance Division of Risk Management and the Cincinnati Health Department for COVID-19 response according to the amounts set forth in Attachment B; **AUTHORIZING** the re-allocation of Coronavirus Relief Fund funding designated for various activities as contained in Ordinance No. 0356-2020 based on actual expenses for the various activities set forth in Attachment B; **AUTHORIZING** the acceptance of the sum of \$621,787.66 from the Hamilton County, Ohio Coronavirus Relief Fund for expenses related to operation of the Over-the-Rhine Recreation Center as a COVID-19 isolation facility for persons experiencing homelessness; **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the funds in Fund 473, "COVID-19"; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$565,047.15 from the unappropriated surplus of COVID-19 Fund 473 to the COVID-19 Fund 473 City Manager's Office personnel operating budget account no. 473x101x7100 for the purpose of providing reimbursement of or resources for certain personnel expenditures incurred to operate the Over-the-Rhine Recreation Center as a COVID-19 isolation facility for persons experiencing homelessness; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$56,740.51 from the unappropriated surplus of COVID-19 Fund 473 to the COVID-19 Fund 473 City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 473x101x7200 for the purpose of providing reimbursement of or resources for certain non-personnel expenditures incurred to operate the Over-the-Rhine Recreation Center as a COVID-19 isolation facility for persons experiencing homelessness.

WHEREAS, the Duke Energy Convention Center has received funding from the State of Ohio and Hamilton County under the Coronavirus Relief Fund ("CRF"), established by the United States Department of the Treasury pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"); and

WHEREAS, the City has agreed to accept the CRF funds on behalf of the Duke Energy Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, the City has incurred at least \$621,787.66 in expenses in establishing and operating the Over-The-Rhine Recreation Center as a COVID-19 isolation facility for persons experiencing homelessness, and Hamilton County, Ohio has agreed to reimburse the City for those expenses from available CRF dollars received by Hamilton County under the CARES Act; and

WHEREAS, the City has agreed to accept such CRF funds as reimbursement for such incurred costs and to otherwise coordinate with Hamilton County, Ohio on strategic deployment of available resources to assist persons experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to appropriate all available CRF funds allocated to the Duke Energy Convention Center and to the City for expenses incurred in operation of the Over-The-Rhine Recreation Center as a COVID-19 isolation facility for persons experiencing homelessness so that such funds may be utilized for or reimburse for identified eligible expenses, as further described herein, prior to the December 30, 2020 deadline established in the CARES Act; and

WHEREAS, the City has received additional funding from Hamilton County, Ohio from the redistribution of returned CRF funds; and

WHEREAS, the additional CRF funds received by the City from the redistribution process will be allocated to the Department of Finance Division of Risk Management and the Cincinnati Health Department for non-personnel expenses related to COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 0356-2020 authorized the appropriation of funds in COVID-19 Fund 473 for the purpose of providing reimbursement of or resources for certain non-personnel expenditures including \$250,000 for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission for WIFI upgrades for virtual learning; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission received a Hamilton County CARES Expanding Free Public Wi-Fi Program grant in the amount of \$100,000, as authorized by Ordinance No. 0375-2020, thus reducing the amount of CRF funding needed for this project by that amount; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 0356-2020 authorized the appropriation of funds in COVID-19 Fund 473 for the purpose of providing reimbursement of or resources for certain personnel expenditures including \$300,000 for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission for the virtual learning subsidy; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's actual expenses for the virtual learning subsidy were \$224,773.94, thus reducing the amount of CRF funding needed for this project by \$75,226.06; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has rebated the City a portion of its unemployment expenses, thus reducing the amount of CRF funding needed for this expense by \$887,698.24; and

WHEREAS, a realignment of the CRF funding allocations set forth in Ordinance No. 0356-2020 is necessary to reconcile actual expenses for COVID-19 related expenses; and

WHEREAS, a portion of CRF funding will be reallocated to the Cincinnati Health Department for non-personnel expenses related to testing and contract tracing; and

WHEREAS, a portion of CRF funding that is now available will be reallocated to Cincinnati Retirement System for non-personnel actuarial expenses and facility rental charges for retirement sessions related to the Early Retirement Incentive Program; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept a Coronavirus Relief Fund (“CRF”) allocation from Hamilton County, Ohio on behalf of the Duke Energy Convention Center in an amount up to \$1,000,000 for the purpose of providing funding for COVID-19 related expenses.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to receive and deposit the CRF resources into Fund 103, “Convention Center.”

Section 3. That the sum of \$1,000,000 is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Convention Center Fund 103 to the Convention Center Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 103x243x7300 for the purpose of providing reimbursement of or resources for non-personnel expenditures identified in Attachment A to this ordinance and that are necessary expenditures incurred or to be incurred to respond to COVID-19.

Section 4. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept a Coronavirus Relief Fund redistribution allocation from Hamilton County, Ohio in the amount of \$302,724.10 for the purpose of providing reimbursement of or resources for certain non-personnel expenditures related to COVID-19 response.

Section 5. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to receive and deposit the redistributed CRF resources into Fund 473, “COVID-19.”

Section 6. That the sum of \$302,724.10 is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of COVID-19 Fund 473 to the COVID-19 Fund 473 City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 473x101x7200 for the purpose of providing reimbursement of or resources for certain non-personnel expenditures in the Department of Finance Division of Risk Management and the Cincinnati Health Department for COVID-19 response.

Section 7. That the CRF funding designated for various activities as contained in Ordinance No. 0356-2020 is hereby reallocated among the various activities based on actual expenses for the various activities set forth in Attachment B.

Section 8. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept the sum of \$621,787.66 from the Hamilton County, Ohio CRF for expenses related to operation of the Over-The-Rhine Recreation Center as a COVID-19 isolation facility for persons experiencing homelessness.

Section 9. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to receive and deposit the CRF resources into Fund 473, "COVID-19."

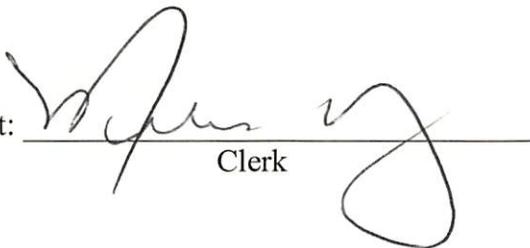
Section 10. That the sum of \$565,047.15 is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of COVID-19 Fund 473 to the COVID-19 Fund 473 City Manager's Office personnel operating budget account no. 473x101x7100 for the purpose of providing reimbursement of or resources for certain personnel expenditures incurred to operate the Over-The-Rhine Recreation Center as a COVID-19 isolation facility for persons experiencing homelessness.

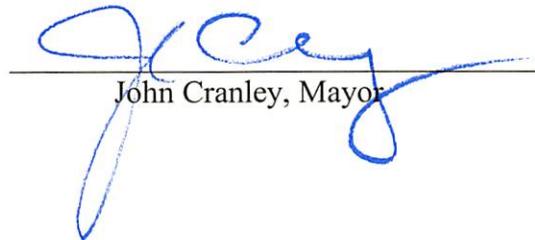
Section 11. That the sum of \$56,740.51 is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of COVID-19 Fund 473 to the COVID-19 Fund 473 City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 473x101x7200 for the purpose of providing reimbursement of or resources for certain non-personnel expenditures incurred to operate the Over-The-Rhine Recreation Center as a COVID-19 isolation facility for persons experiencing homelessness.

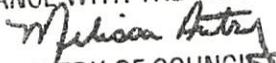
Section 12. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Sections 1 through 11 herein.

Section 13. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accomplish the authorized COVID-19 related reimbursements and expenditures before the December 30, 2020 deadline required by the CARES Act.

Passed: December 18, 2020

Attest:   
Clerk

  
John Cranley, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 399-2020  
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 12-29-2020  
  
CLERK OF COUNCIL