

EMERGENCY

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- 2021

AUTHORIZING the acceptance and appropriation of the sum of \$2,225,293, received pursuant to an additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, to Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 in accordance with the attached appropriation schedule; and **ANNOUNCING** the City's intention to use said funds for various projects in the City's Calendar Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program as part of the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan and 2019 Annual Action Plan Amendment, in accordance with the attached appropriation schedule, but subject to reallocation at the City Manager's discretion in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program began in 1974 and is one of the longest continuously run programs at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), through which HUD provides annual grants to local communities to address a wide range of unique community development needs; and

WHEREAS, HUD announced an initial grant allocation of \$11,697,236 to the City of Cincinnati for the 2020 CDBG program (CFDA 14.218) via Award B-20-MC-39-0003 on February 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, HUD received an additional federal appropriation through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for use in funding additional CDBG grants to entitlement grantees in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and through CDBG-CV3 (CDBG CARES Act Third Round) via Award B-20-MW-39-0003, the City received \$2,225,293 on September 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that the City Manager maintains discretion to reallocate the funding between the projects and programs listed in the attached Appropriation Schedule as she deems necessary to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, accepting and appropriating funds from the CDBG program is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "Support and stabilize our neighborhoods," as described on page 160 of Plan Cincinnati, and with the "Compete" goal to "be a pivotal economic force in the region," as described on page 101 of Plan Cincinnati; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council hereby authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of the additional sum of \$2,225,293, received pursuant to an additional Community Development Block