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Motion

WE MOVE that City Council allocates \$2.8 million of the American Rescue Plan Act to UC Health to ensure that they can complete their Emergency Medical Services Canopy: Goodman Street.

Statement

UC Health is requesting \$2.8 million in city funding (via the City of Cincinnati's American Rescue Plan Allocation) for the build out of an EMS Canopy/Mass Decontamination Capability Bay for our city and region's first responders. They will also use a portion of this space as ready capability for mass decontamination, which currently does not exist in our region.

The UC Medical Center is the region's only Level I Trauma Center, Burn Center, and a Comprehensive Stroke Center. The UC Medical Center provides care for over 70,000 visits annually including 11,000 hospital transfers. UC Health is the community's recognized leader in emergency preparedness and response, their emergency care is an essential community asset, especially in the era of catastrophes and mass casualties.

UC Health has embarked on a historic \$250 million transformation of the Clifton campus, starting with the renovation and expansion of the UC Medical Center Emergency Department. As part of the \$60 million Emergency Department expansion, they've incorporated lessons learned and best practices from recent infectious disease outbreaks, mass casualty incidents, and other high-profile emergencies in order to design a state of the art facility able to respond to any foreseeable community crisis.

With support from the City of Cincinnati in redirecting traffic on Goodman and Highland Avenues, they are building a multi-lane, covered, pass-through style EMS drop-off point located directly in front of the trauma resuscitation space.

This project ensures that our city's first responders – police, fire/EMS – have a best-in-class access point for the highest level of trauma and critical care.

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