

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

ESTABLISHING new Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112135, "Bethany House Services," for the purpose of providing funds to Bethany House Services, Inc. to help pay for increased project expenses for their new homeless shelter; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of the sum of \$1,300,000 from Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112131 "HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)," to the unappropriated surplus of Home Investment Trust Fund 411; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$1,300,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Home Investment Trust Fund 411 to the newly established Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112135, "Bethany House Services," for the purpose of providing funds to Bethany House Services, Inc. to help pay for increased project expenses for their new homeless shelter; and further **DECLARING** expenditures from Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112135, "Bethany House Services," to be for a public purpose.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced that the City is eligible to receive HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding pursuant to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and additional guidance is forthcoming regarding eligible uses of such funds; and

WHEREAS, Bethany House Services, Inc. is about to commence construction of a new family homeless shelter and comprehensive services center for which additional project costs have arisen because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the costs of construction; and

WHEREAS, the funds appropriated pursuant to this ordinance are being provided to Bethany House Services, Inc. to help pay for those increased project costs for their new homeless shelter and to support the construction of available adequate housing for people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness in the City of Cincinnati; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to establish new Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112135, "Bethany House Services," for the purpose of providing funds to Bethany House Services, Inc. to help pay for increased project expenses for their new homeless shelter.

Section 2. That the sum of \$1,300,000 is hereby transferred from Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112131, "HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)," to the unappropriated surplus of Home Investment Trust Fund 411.

Section 3. That the sum of \$1,300,000 is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Home Investment Trust Fund 411 to the newly established Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112135, "Bethany House Services," for the purpose of providing funds to Bethany House Services, Inc. to help pay for increased project expenses for the construction of their new homeless shelter.

Section 4. That expenditures from Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project account no. 411x162x4112135, "Bethany House Services," are hereby declared to be for a public purpose because the construction of shelter housing in the City of Cincinnati enhances the availability of adequate housing for people experiencing or at risk experiencing of homelessness and improves the economic and general well-being of the people of the City.

Section 5. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to (a) submit, modify, or amend any and all necessary documents required to be sent to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to carry out the provisions of this ordinance, and (b) take all actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this ordinance and otherwise make the herein described funding available to meet the needs of people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness, all in accordance with federal requirements and necessary federal approvals.

Section 6. That the proper City officials are authorized to use and expend the described funds in accordance with Sections 1 through 5 hereof.

Section 7. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of 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 implement authorized American Rescue Plan-related support programs.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk