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### MOTION Omnibus ARP Year 1 Motion

WE MOVE that the remaining Year 1 funds from the American Rescue Plan Act are allocated as follows:

HOME DOLLARS		
Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$	6,423,076
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HARBOR Fund -Repairs for housing code violations	<u>\$</u>	500,000
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ARTS & CULTURE		
Public Museums	\$	1,000,000
Cincinnati Visitor's Bureau	\$	1,000,000
CincyNice	\$	200,000
Black Lives Matter Art & Programming		125,000
Cincinnati Music Festival	\$ \$	100,000
Midwest Regional Black Family Reunion	\$	25,000
	\$	2,450,000
HUMAN SERVICES		
Human Services Chamber	\$	5,000,000
Neighborhood Child Care Recovery Fund	\$	5,558,964
	\$	10,558,964
NEIGHBORHOODS		
First Lutheran Church Bell Tower Community Space	\$	1,000,000
Outdoor Dining, Pedestrian Safety/Street Calming, including Vision Zero		1,200,000
Community Council Funds (\$10,000 to each of the 51 councils)	\$	510,000
Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (clean up dumping sites)	\$	155,000
Invest in Neighborhoods	\$	66,508
Bond Hill Community Council – Community Organizer	\$	50,000
Roselawn Community Council – Community Organizer	\$	50,000
	\$	3,031,508

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SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES		
Neighborhood Business District Support Grants	\$ 1	1,000,000
Community Economic Advancement Initiative (CEAI)	\$	490,000
Main Street	\$	200,000
CintriFuse	\$	200,000
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YOUTH		
Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Youth2Work Program Expansion	\$	500,000
ArtWorks	\$	460,000
Cincinnati Youth Collaborative	\$	300,000
Boys & Girls Clubs – Year-round tutoring programs	\$	250,000
Grant Us Hope (CPS' Educational Program for LQBTQ Suicide Prevention)	\$	50,000
Avondale Fence Project	\$	40,000
Saving our Kings & Queens	\$	20,000
Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) - First Rites of Passage	\$	20,000
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**TOTAL: \$** 29,493,548

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#### **STATEMENT**

The American Rescue Plan was enacted to restore our cities, our communities, and our businesses. Following this guiding principle, the City of Cincinnati has prioritized the City's fiscal health, allocating the millions of dollars needed to seal the budgetary deficit, ensuring that basic services are provided, and the needs of our citizens are met. With this framework in mind, we have closely aligned subsequent allocations of ARPA dollars with these objectives. From investment in our City's neighborhoods and youth, to finally bringing community safety projects forward, our proposal reflects the needs of our community. We have engaged the community through several avenues, including holding a Town Hall, in which every Community Council was invited to participate. Through phone calls, emails, meetings, and direct public engagement, we have identified and funded the priorities of our community. The requests of the community included: affordable housing and anti-displacement, support for arts and culture, safe and thriving neighborhoods, support for small and minority-owned businesses, and of course, jobs and services for our youth.

### Investing in our Neighborhoods

In this plan, neighborhood Community Councils will receive \$10,000 each to replenish lost revenue from cancelled events and to relieve already strained budgets. This investment in our Community Councils will enable events, organization, mobilization, and pay for ordinary needs of our Councils, all of which are comprised of volunteers in unpaid positions. We have also outlined \$3 million dollars to fully fund Vision Zero, a community-driven initiative that reflects the requests and needs of our neighbors. These projects have been submitted to City Administration and have been vetted fully by the Department of Transportation & Engineering. We are also investing in our communities that need the most assistance, including Roselawn and Bond Hill, by providing funds for a Community Organizer. Additionally, we have fully funded the HARBOR program, an initiative to keep families in their homes by assisting with required work. By investing \$2 million dollars into the HARBOR fund, we can ensure that homeowners, whether low-income or on a fixed income, stay in their homes and have a safe place to live.

#### Investing in our Youth

Investing in our City's youth is one of the most valuable investments we can make. With the addition of \$1 million dollars to the City's Youth 2 Work program, we are betting on the future by investing in our young folks and providing much-needed employment to our community's teens and young adults. Childcare debt is a crushing weight in our community. By partnering with 4C for Children, we created and funded a debt-relief program for parents who continued to work throughout the pandemic and relied on childcare services. Childcare services are often woman-owned and are a source of income for many entrepreneurs, especially women of color. The inability to pay for childcare is a crushing weight for our families, and with an investment of \$5 million dollars into a debt-relief fund, we can ensure that our families continue to have the supportive services they need.

With 2020 behind us, but with much work still ahead of us, we respectfully submit the attached budget for Year 1 allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act funding. Our budget reflects the needs voiced by our community and we look forward to further serving those needs in Year 2. As we wait to learn more about federal allocations for infrastructure and childcare, we submit this budget for Year 1 with a goal of not just getting back to where we were before the pandemic, but by lifting up our neighbors and allowing them to get ahead. By investing in our neighbors, our youth, and our families, we can move forward together and begin to restore, repair, and rebuild our community.

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