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## Motion

WE MOVE that \$200,000 of the capital budget is allocated to UC Health to assist in funding

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## **Statement**

UC Health is requesting a total of \$2.8 million in city funding (via the City of Cincinnati's American Rescue Plan Allocation and the City of Cincinnati's Capital Budget) 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 first round of American Rescue Plan Allocation gave UC Health \$1,000,000 towards this goal. We are asking for \$200,000 of the FY 2022 and FY 2023 Capital Budget go towards closing the \$1,800,000 gap left.

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 opening for the highest level	our city's first res of trauma and cr	ponders – poli itical care.	ce, fire/EMS -	- have a best-in	-class access	