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MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Goodin and Vice Mayor Smitherman, The Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) recently reported that its complement of uniformed officers stands below 1,000 for the first time in decade as a result of retirements and attrition. This reduction in force comes at a time when Cincinnati neighborhoods have been faced with a record number of murders, as well as an increase in property and quality of life offenses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the community continues to seek thoughtful engagement between the Cincinnati Police Department and mental health and addiction service providers to, when appropriate, divert potential criminal defendants into treatment. Accordingly, **WE MOVE** that a portion of Cincinnati's American Rescue Plan appropriation be committed to: 1) immediately fund a new CPD recruit class in 2021 to better facilitate community policing and criminal investigations; 2) fund additional training and police personnel for CPD's Mental Health Response Team (MHRT); 3) fund training to better integrate the MHRT with existing mental health and substance abuse providers and to create a mechanism to track those citizens who are referred to such providers; 4) to fund the local chapter of the Saving Our Kings and Queens youth intervention program headed by Mitch Morris; 5) to fund Rev. Peterson Mingo's Southern Christian Leadership Program's Rites of Passage initiative, which includes a summer camp, anti-gang and anti-drug education and numerous youth sports programs in Evanston; and 6) to once again fully fund Hope Dudley's UCanSpeakForMe homicide victim's family assistance program.

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