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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
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Subject: **Funding Priorities for Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund
– Additional Details**

The FYI Memo titled “Funding Priorities for Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (Memo #4198) released on March 24, 2021 provided a list of the City Administration’s recommendations and funding priorities for the expected federal relief funds to be received as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The following list of priorities provides additional details for each item contained on the original list.

One change has been made to the original list. The capital project amount needed for Smale Riverfront Park was originally split over two years. However, the project will need the entire amount sooner than anticipated so the funding has been changed so that the entire \$1,500,000 allocation is now in Year 1. To accommodate that change, \$750,000 of the Mt. Airy Trails Expansion project has been shifted from Year 1 to Year 2.

Fiscal Stability:

Operating Budget Needs for FY 2021, FY 2022, and FY 2023

This category is for expenses incurred by the City related to the pandemic and/or replacement of lost General Fund revenue.

- **FY 2021 Need – \$18,700,000 (Year 1)**
This is the projected budget deficit for the remainder of FY 2021 based on the monthly Budget Monitoring report through the period ending January 31, 2021. This amount will be reviewed as part of the Final Adjustment Ordinance (FAO) process in April 2021 and is subject to change.
- **Negotiated Hazard Pay – \$2,800,000 (Year 1)**
This amount is set aside for hazard pay for City employees who have not been able to work remotely during the pandemic. It is subject to negotiation with the various bargaining units.

- Public Health COVID Response: Equity Outreach, Vaccine Distribution, PPE, Testing, and Tracing – \$5,000,000 (Year 1) and \$2,426,692 (Year 2)**
 This amount is set aside for a variety of public health needs related to the pandemic and will cover any Health Department costs that are not covered by a grant or Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement.
- FY 2022 Projected Operating Budget Deficit – \$31,000,000 (Year 1)**
 This is the projected budget deficit for the FY 2022 based on the Tentative Tax Budget and subsequent adjustments.
- FY 2022 Income Tax Contingency – \$18,500,000 (Year 2)**
 This amount is set aside as a contingency to the court case challenging the ability of Ohio cities to levy an income tax on remote workers who otherwise would be working in the City if not for the pandemic. It is based on an estimate from the City's Income Tax Division of the Department of Finance and the University of Cincinnati's Economics Center. This contingency also relates to a possible reduction of the income tax revenue estimate for FY 2022 and FY2023 respectively as more employees may continue to work from home after the emergency order is lifted. These estimates are being refined and a further update will be provided later this month.
- FY 2023 Projected Operating Budget Deficit - \$35,000,000 (Year 2)**
 This is the projected budget deficit for the second year of the biennium based on the Tentative Tax Budget and subsequent adjustments.

Restricted Funds Lost Revenue

This category is for the replacement of lost Restricted Funds revenue based on the period of March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021. It is net of reduced expenses in the respective funds.

- Fund 102 – Parking Systems Facilities – \$2,083,489 (Year 1)**
 This would replace lost revenue from various downtown off-street parking including parking lots and garages.
- Fund 103 – Convention Center – \$4,704,032 (Year 1)**
 This would replace lost revenue from the cancellation of various events at the Duke Energy Convention Center (DECC).
- Transient Occupancy Tax – \$5,300,000 (Year 1)**
 This would replace lost revenue due to the decline in lodging furnished to transient guests.
- Fund 303 – Parking Meter – \$2,050,124 (Year 1)**
 This would replace lost revenue from parking meters and parking enforcement in the City.

- **Fund 318 – Sawyer Point – \$650,824 (Year 1)**
This would replace lost revenue for activities, programs, and events that were cancelled at Sawyer Point.
- **Fund 323 – Recreation Special Activities – \$2,066,665 (Year 1)**
This would replace lost revenue for rentals, activities, programs, events, day camps, and swimming pool fees that were cancelled or reduced at various City recreation centers and facilities.
- **Fund 326 – Park Donations Special Activities – \$528,157 (Year 1)**
This would replace lost revenue for various activities that were cancelled or reduced at various Parks facilities.
- **Fund 329 – Riverfront Park – \$703,909 (Year 1)**
This would replace lost revenue for activities, programs, and events that were cancelled or reduced at Smale Riverfront Park.
- **Fund 332 – Krohn Conservatory – \$488,469 (Year 1)**
This would replace lost revenue for activities, programs, and events that were cancelled at the Krohn Conservatory.
- **Fund 347 – Hazard Abatement – \$308,974 (Year 1)**
This would replace lost revenue from the Vacant Building Maintenance License (VBML) fees and Residential Rental Registration program fees.
- **Fund 363 – Solid Waste Disposal Control – \$31,937 (Year 1)**
This would replace lost revenue from the solid waste disposal license fees.
- **Fund 395 – Community Health Centers Activity – \$1,100,000 (Year 1)**
This would replace lost revenue from all health center sites included in the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)’s scope of operation due to reduced patient visits and services.
- **Fund 412 – Food Service License Fees – \$944,487 (Year 1)**
This would replace lost revenue from food service license fees due to reduced operations at food service locations.
- **Fund 446 - Health Network – \$882,244 (Year 1)**
This would replace lost revenue from the Cincinnati Health Network due to reduced reimbursements for various health services provided by the Cincinnati Health Department.

Support Programs:

This category is for expenses related to providing support to various programs and entities in three main areas:

- Job Creation, Economic Growth, and Housing Stability
 - Designed to address the economic impacts of COVID-19 by creating job opportunities and encouraging economic growth.
- Critical Financial Support for Cultural Institutions, Small Business, and Community Partners
 - Designed to offset the financial difficulties organizations have experienced including increased debt, staff reductions, and operational reductions.
- Safe Activation of Civic Spaces and Community Building in Neighborhoods
 - Designed to support community building activities in neighborhoods.
- **Pool Extended Season for CRC – \$200,000 (Year 1) and \$200,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funding to extend the season for Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) pools for the summers of 2021 and 2022.
- **Rec Center Extended Summer Hours – \$300,000 (Year 1) and \$350,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funding to allow for extended hours at various CRC recreation centers for the summers of 2021 and 2022.
- **CVB Support – 500,000 (Year 1) and \$500,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide operational support to the Cincinnati USA Convention & Visitors Bureau.
- **Social Services Operational Grants – \$3,100,000 (Year 1)**
This would restore funding to leveraged support agencies who had their FY 2020 budget allocations reduced by 25% in the spring of 2020.
- **Public Museum Support – \$1,000,000 (Year 1)**
This would provide operational support to public museums.
- **ArtWorks Youth Employment Initiative – \$500,000 (Year 1) and \$500,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funding to ArtWorks for their Youth Employment Initiative.
- **PIVOT – \$500,000 (Year 1) and \$500,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funding to the Cincinnati Police Department’s Place-Based Investigations of Violent Offender Territories (PIVOT) program.
- **Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) Blight Abatement – 250,000 (Year 1) and 250,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funding to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful to provide funds for abating blight in the City.
- **CCAC - \$250,000 (Year 1) and \$250,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funding for capital support for the Clifton Cultural Arts Center (CCAC) and their capital campaign to improve the facility.
- **CEAI Development Support – \$490,000 (Year 1) and \$490,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds for developmental support for the Community Economic Advancement Initiative (CEAI) in the Bond Hill and Roselawn area.
- **Citilink Expansion – \$250,000 (Year 1) and \$250,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds for expansion of the Citilink campus in the West End, to facilitate expanded program services.

- **Blink 2022 – \$1,000,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds to support the return of the light-based art festival BLINK to the City during 2022.
- **Restaurant Grant Phase 2 – \$4,000,000 (Year 1)**
This would provide funds for a second phase of the local economic stimulus plan to support dining and drinking establishments in the City.
- **Neighborhood Activation Fund – \$3,000,000 (Year 1)**
This would provide funds for neighborhood activation and events in public spaces throughout the City.
- **Neighborhood Business Districts Support Grants – \$2,000,000 (Year 1) and \$2,000,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide additional funds for businesses located in the Neighborhood Business Districts.
- **Minority Business Partnerships – \$3,000,000 (Year 1)**
This would provide funds for a partnership with the Urban League and The Port for real estate and back office support for minority businesses.
- **Minority Business Accelerator – Ascend – \$2,500,000 (Year 1) and \$2,500,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds to Ascend*Cincy, a partnership between the City, Urban League, the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce and the Minority Business Accelerator to provide staffing, accounting, human resources, financial coaching, and other assistance to Black-owned businesses.
- **Women Business Program – \$1,500,000 (Year 1) and \$1,500,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds to support women owned businesses through a partnership with Main Street Venture for women owned businesses.
- **Performing Arts Support Grants – \$7,000,000 (Year 1)**
This would provide funds to support various performing arts including theaters and the symphony with funds set aside for public performances around the City.
- **BLM Mural – \$125,000 (Year 1) and \$125,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds to restore the Black Lives Matter (BLM) mural on Plum Street outside of City Hall and would also provide funds for a historical plaque explaining the mural's backstory and events centered around the mural.
- **Tree Canopy Expansion – \$500,000 (Year 1) and \$500,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds to expand the tree canopy program to plant additional trees in an effort to mitigate heat in City neighborhoods.
- **Outdoor Dining Grant Program (Neighborhoods) – \$1,000,000 (Year 1) and \$1,000,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide resources for a grant program to cover the cost of the design and construction of public infrastructure improvements that facilitate outdoor dining and increase pedestrian safety in various City neighborhoods.
- **Bethany House Additional Project Cost – \$1,300,000 (Year 1)**
This would provide funds to Bethany House for their new shelter for clients.
- **Affordable Housing Trust Fund – \$2,500,000 (Year 1) and \$2,500,000 (Year 2)**
This would be an allocation set aside for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

- **Harbor Program Expansion – \$350,000 (Year 1) and \$150,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds for the Homeowner Assistance Repairs and Building Order Remission (HARBOR) program in the Department of Buildings and Inspections which provides financial assistance to low-income, owner-occupied homeowners through grants.
- **Port Authority Affordable Housing Projects – \$2,500,000 (Year 1) and \$2,500,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds to The Port to be used specifically on development projects for single family affordable housing.
- **Build Cincinnati Development Fund – \$1,000,000 (Year 1) and \$1,000,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide additional funds for the Build Cincinnati Development Fund to help revitalize neighborhoods.
- **Additional Demolition Blight – \$2,500,000 (Year 1) and \$2,500,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds for the demolition of blighted buildings in the City.

Capital Investment:

This category is designed to improve City services and improve the quality of life of citizens through various capital investments.

- **Mercy West Hospital Boudinot Site Improvements – \$3,000,000 (Year 1)**
This would provide funds for site improvements on the site of the former Mercy West Hospital Boudinot location.
- **CitiCable Truck and Equipment – \$300,000 (Year 1)**
This would provide funds in the Office of Communications in the City Manager’s Office for a new CitiCable mobile truck and related equipment for remote broadcasts.
- **Winton Hills Shot Spotter – \$250,000 (Year 1) and \$250,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds to the Cincinnati Police Department to expand the ShotSpotter installation to Winton Hills.
- **Winton Hills Pool – \$1,900,000 (Year 1) and \$2,300,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission to renovate the Winton Hills pool.
- **Outdoor Facilities Renovations (41 locations) – \$2,000,000 (Year 1) and \$4,100,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission for the renovation of a variety of outdoor facilities at various CRC properties covering 41 locations. Renovations would include improvements to ballfields, basketball courts, tennis courts, shelters, playgrounds, and parking areas,
- **King Records Building Improvements – \$2,000,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds for the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to make necessary improvements to preserve and rehabilitate the King Records Building.

- **Police & Fire Fleet Equipment Purchases – \$1,000,000 (Year 1) and \$3,250,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funds to Fleet Services in the Department of Public Services (DPS) to purchase a variety of public safety related fleet vehicles including pumper trucks, ladder trucks, and ambulances.
- **Facility Improvements Shovel Ready – \$1,286,692 (Year 1) and \$2,438,308 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funds for City Facilities Management (CFM) in the Department of Public Services for a variety of shovel ready facility improvements including roof replacements, restroom renovations, and accessibility upgrades.
- **A/C Upgrades – \$500,000 (Year 1) and \$500,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funds for CFM in DPS to upgrade various air conditioning units at city facilities.
- **Incinerator Demo – \$2,500,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funds for DPS for the demolition of the West Fork Incinerator which includes the cleanup of the hazardous waste that has been inside the brick building where the City once burned trash until federal regulations shut down it down in 1971.
- **ECC Upgrades – \$500,000 (Year 1) and \$300,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funds to the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) for a variety of facility and technological upgrades at the City’s 9-1-1 Call Center and the backup call center.
- **Network Upgrades – \$1,500,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funds to Enterprise Technology Solutions to perform necessary upgrades to the City’s network including fiber cables, routers, and switches.
- **Phone System Upgrade – \$750,000 (Year 1) and \$750,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funds to ETS to upgrade the City’s phone system to a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) system.
- **Fire Training Center Tower – \$3,500,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funds to CFM to build a Fire Training Center tower to be used as a training environment for firefighters to experience conditions similar to actual fire calls, but in a controlled way.
- **Firehouse Improvements – \$2,000,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funds for CFM to renovate various Cincinnati fire stations and fire training facilities including new women's restrooms, locker rooms, and other necessary renovations at various Cincinnati fire stations and fire training facilities.
- **Facility Improvements – \$750,000 (Year 1) and \$750,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funds for various facility improvements at Cincinnati Health Department locations including renovating the third floor of the Health Department Administration building at Burnet & King to convert the former lab into useable office space; the remodeling of the ground floor at Burnet & King; and making heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) and safety updates at various Health Department locations.

- **Facility Improvements Shovel Ready – \$550,000 (Year 1) and \$550,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funds for various shovel ready facility improvements at Cincinnati Parks Department locations including renovations to buildings, sidewalks, and parking areas as well as roof replacements.
- **Trail Expansion Projects – \$1,000,000 (Year 1) and \$1,723,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funds to the Cincinnati Parks Department to expand various trails with appropriate signage.
- **Freedom Center Park – \$3,000,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funds to construct a park outside of the Freedom Center.
- **Smale Riverfront Park – \$1,500,000 (Year 1)**
 This would provide funds to the Cincinnati Parks Department to complete the design for Smale Riverfront Park.
- **Mt. Airy Trails Expansion – \$1,050,000 (Year 1) and \$4,050,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funds to the Cincinnati Parks Department for the expansion of the Mt. Airy Trails with a four-mile walking/biking paved loop paralleling the roadway in the park. Additionally, funds would be provided for a trails master plan for Mt. Airy.
- **Central Parkway Streetscape Charles/Liberty Streetscape/Improvements – \$2,000,000 (Year 1)**
 This would provide partial funding for a proposed public-private partnership to renovate the Central Parkway streetscape running from Charles Street to Liberty Street.
- **Glenway Avenue Improvements – \$1,250,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funding for a planned economic development project, undertaken by the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority and Price Hill Will, to improve a portion of the Glenway Avenue Business District in West Price Hill.
- **Rapid Run/Dunham Improvements – \$1,250,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funding for public recreation improvements to link Rapid Run Park and Dunham Recreation Center.
- **Oasis Trail – \$3,000,000 (Year 1)**
 This will provide funds for the Oasis Trail which will be a five-mile rails-to-trails recreational path that links downtown Cincinnati to a network of other regional bike trails.
- **West 8th Safety Improvement (Lower Price Hill) – \$600,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funding for pedestrian safety improvements along West 8th Street between State Avenue and the 8th Street Viaduct in Lower Price Hill. The project will include bump-outs and median islands.
- **Citywide Safety - HFST/Signage/Guardrail/Etc. – \$500,000 (Year 1) and \$500,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funds to DOTE to improve various aspects of roadway safety including High Friction Surface Treatment (HFST), signage, guardrails, etc.

- **State Avenue Streetscape/Pedestrian Safety – \$2,000,000 (Year 2)**
This project would provide funds for a streetscape and pedestrian safety improvements along State Avenue between West 8th Street and St. Michael Street in Lower Price Hill. The project will include bump-outs, new curb and walk and street trees.
- **Central Parkway Phase 1 Bike Facility Upgrade – \$1,700,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds to DOTE to make intersection and other improvements along the Central Parkway Phase 1 Bike Facility, between Plum Street and Marshall Avenue to improve safety for all users.
- **CBD Vine Street, 8th Street and 9th Street 2 Way Conversion Phase 1 – \$3,127,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide partial funding to DOTE for street improvements to convert Vine Street, 8th Street, and 9th Street to two-way traffic in the Central Business District. Full funding for all 3 streets is \$5,100,000.
- **CBD-OTR ROW Improvements – \$550,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds to DOTE to make various ROW improvements in the Central Business District (CBD) in the Over-The-Rhine neighborhood.
- **Hi-light Downtown LED conversion – \$800,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds to DOTE to convert lights in the Central Business District (CBD) to Light Emitting Diode (LED).
- **Walnut Hills - East McMillan Streetscape – \$675,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds to construct the next phase of the East McMillan Streetscape between Kemper Lane and Chatham Street. The project will include sidewalk, lighting, and trees to match the previous completed phases.
- **Lighting Improvements – \$6,590,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds for DOTE to make various lighting improvements.
- **Berkshire Lane Pier Wall – \$400,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds for DOTE to make improvements to the Berkshire Lane Pier wall.
- **Grandin Road Pier Wall Extension – \$400,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds for DOTE to make improvements to the Grandin Road Pier Wall.
- **Beekman Street Landslide Stabilization – \$300,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds for DOTE to stabilize Beekman Street to prevent landslides.
- **Columbia Parkway Landslide 600' South of Tusculum – \$700,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds for DOTE to stabilize Columbia Parkway in the designated area to prevent landslides.
- **Monastery Street Bridge Rehabilitation – \$300,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds for DOTE to rehabilitated Monastery Street Bridge to maintain safety.
- **Clifton Shared Path – \$1,000,000 (Year 1) and \$1,000,000 (Year 2)**
This would provide funds for DOTE to make Right-of-Way (ROW) improvements along the Clifton Shared Path.

- **ROW & Pedestrian Safety Improvements Outdoor Dining Urban Core – \$2,000,000 (Year 1) and \$2,000,000 (Year 2)**
 This would provide funds for DOTE to make ROW improvements in the Urban Core designed to enhance pedestrian safety and accommodate outdoor dining.
- **Street Rehab: Ridge Road Improvements - Marburg to Beredith – \$1,500,000 (Year 1) and \$1,500,000 (Year 2)**
 This will provide funds to DOTE for street rehabilitation in the designated area which includes repairs to curbs, pavements, and resurfacing the roadway.
- **Street Rehab: Gilbert Avenue Improvements - Elsinore to Woodburn – \$2,000,000 (Year 2)**
 This will provide funds to DOTE for street rehabilitation in the designated area which includes repairs to curbs, pavements, and resurfacing the roadway.
- **Street Rehab: Paxton Avenue Rehab - Including realignment of Isabella intersection – \$2,200,000 (Year 2)**
 This will provide funds to DOTE for street rehabilitation in the designated area which includes repairs to curbs, pavements, and resurfacing the roadway.
- **Street Rehab: River Road Improvements - Fairbanks to Anderson Ferry – \$1,000,000 (Year 1) and \$4,000,000 (Year 2)**
 This will provide funds to DOTE for street rehabilitation in the designated area which includes repairs to curbs, pavements, and resurfacing the roadway.