



City of Cincinnati Human Services Fund

Continuing our examination of the city's outsourcing of government functions to external organizations, the recipient of the greatest amount of annual funding from the city is the United Way of Greater Cincinnati.

Beginning in 2024, "Human Services" funding appears as one large, consolidated item administered through the United Way. For the most recent 3 years, 2024, 2025, and 2026, the city has spent \$26 million on social services through the United Way.

Currently, The city has included an FY26/27 Directory of Human Services funded projects on its Budget Engagement web page: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/sites/budget/assets/Directory-of-funded-projects-FY26-27.pdf>

For FY 26/27, the directory is organized into three funding categories:

- 1, Youth Gun Violence Prevention & Reduction – 25 Projects - \$2,590,682 in funding
2. Workforce Development – 23 projects - \$2,492,682 in funding
3. Supporting, Securing, & Stabilizing Housing for High-Risk Populations – 25 projects - \$2,733,682 in funding

FY26/27 TOTAL: 73 projects - \$7,976,930

Several non-profits receive funding for more than one project in a single category.

Several non-profits receive funding in more than one category of funding.

And several nonprofits receive funding from other leveraged support or programmatic funding from the city.

So, 73 projects does not + 73 grantees.

You should check out the Directory to get a better sense of the projects funded through United Way.

Bottom Line: This is an oversight nightmare.

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