

September 24, 2021

Re: Neighborhood Activation Fund

Dear Community Councils, Neighborhood Business Associations, and Community Development Corporations:

Cincinnati City Council has created the Neighborhood Activation Fund by Ordinance 166-2021 creating funding for the City of Cincinnati's non-profit partners to respond to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic within our neighborhoods. Attached to this letter you will find our initial application for funding for the Neighborhood Activation Fund. Priority for funding will be given to Community Councils, Neighborhood Business Associations, and Community Development Corporations through the end of this year, for \$1 million of the Neighborhood Activation Fund capped at \$10,000 per organization. We are working with our partner organization, Invest in Neighborhoods, to be the third-party administrator for applications for assistance from this \$1 million pool. Approved applicants will have up to one year to submit expense documentation with final reports due no later than September of 2022.

Interested neighborhood applicants should complete the application and return it to naf@investinneighborhoods.com. Questions can also be submitted to this email address and answers will be posted in a frequently asked questions document as they are available. Applications will be reviewed with the third-party administrator and applicants will be contacted with any questions/concerns on the application. Funds are expected to be made available no sooner than August 1, 2021.

There will be a separate request for proposals for larger funding requests from the neighborhood activation fund forthcoming.

The Department of Community & Economic Development may update this application and the attached guidance as the program commences and as we receive updated guidance from the Department of Treasury on American Rescue Plan reporting requirements.

Sincerely,

Dan Bower

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cc: Markiea Carter, Director