



Human Services Chamber
of Hamilton County

MOTION

WE MOVE that the City designate 1.3% of the General Fund for fiscal year 2021 for the Human Services Fund, and that the additional amount for 2021 be achieved by consolidating the Violence Prevention contracts for Urban League, Santa Maria Community Services and Families Forward into the Human Services Fund.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Human Services Fund be funded from General Fund dollars, not from CARES Act funding, which would require a waiver from the federal government.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the General Fund dollars used for the Human Services Fund come from departmental expenses in the proposed Manager's budget that can be covered from the County-provided \$17M in CARES Act funding without a waiver.

STATEMENT

The funding of human services is critical during this pandemic. It is essential that Council continue to increase its funding for human services as set forth in the 1.5% ordinance this Council adopted in 2017 (Ord. 0153-2017).

Additionally, we must ensure that the source of funding used for human services is certain. The Manager and Mayor have proposed a budget that relies on a waiver from the federal government to use CARES Act funding for human services. If this waiver is not obtained, human services will not have a funding source for FY 2021 and the thousands of residents who rely on these services will suffer. Since the time the Mayor and Manager submitted their budget, the County has provided \$17M in CARES Act funding for the City. According to the guidance from the U.S. Treasury Department, this funding can be used to cover expenses for health personnel and first responders without a waiver.