HOW TO RESPOND TO PANHANDLING

Seeking Compassion

* Make eye contact
* Smile
* Have compassion

When you meet a fellow human who is asking for help, it may make you feel uncomfortable. This does not mean that person does not deserve the same rights as you.

Cities are increasingly criminalizing people who are financially poor with laws, such as making it illegal to sit on sidewalks. This works to remove people from sight, but is not a humane or sustainable solution.

To learn more about the lack of affordable housing and inadequacy of services that contributes to panhandling, visit us at www.cincihomeless.org.