

September 24, 2025

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Health: Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Bureau of Health Preparedness (BHP) Grant**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$225,406 from the Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Health Preparedness (ALN 93.069) to plan and implement emergency preparedness activities in response to public health threats such as bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and health-related emergencies at the county and regional public health level; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$225,406 from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Bureau of Health Preparedness (BHP) (ALN 93.069) to plan and implement emergency preparedness activities in response to public health threats such as bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and health-related emergencies at the county and regional public health level. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

The City applied for the grant and received notice of award on July 9, 2025, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval from the City Council. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant and no local match is required.

Planning and implementing emergency preparedness activities is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 181-191 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to ensure timely acceptance of awarded grant funds.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director  
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

