

June 14, 2023

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

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager *SM* 202301642

**Subject:** Ordinance – OES: USDA Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant (ALN 10.935) of up to \$400,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture for the purpose of diverting food waste from landfills and creating compost.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant (ALN 10.935) of up to \$400,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture for the purpose of diverting food waste from landfills and creating compost.

This grant requires matching resources in an amount of up to \$100,000 which are anticipated to be provided from resources currently available in existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231029, “Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives – GF.” No new FTEs/full time equivalents are required, but temporary personnel may be utilized.

The grant application deadline is on June 15, 2023, and the City may apply for the grant prior to receiving approval from the City Council. However, no funds will be accepted without City Council approval.

Diverting food waste from landfills and creating compost is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” as described on pages 181-185 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director  
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

