



# City of Cincinnati

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## An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

- 2023

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of up to \$1,000,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency through the Environmental Justice Government-to-Government grant program (ALN 66.312) for the purpose of creating two Resilience Hubs at existing facilities in priority communities within the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, a grant is available in an amount of up to \$1,000,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency through the Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Grant Program (“EJG2G”) (ALN 66.312) for the purpose of creating two Resilience Hubs at existing facilities in priority communities within the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Resilience Hubs are community-serving facilities, such as community centers, that serve to address climate vulnerabilities by providing a central gathering point for coordinated resource distribution and services before, during, or after a natural hazard event; and

WHEREAS, the priority communities are anticipated to include the Lower Price Hill and Avondale neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, no matching funds or new FTEs/full time equivalents are required for acceptance of the grant; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the grant application deadline of April 14, 2023, the Office of Environment and Sustainability may submit its application prior to receiving Council’s approval, but no grant funds will be accepted without prior Council approval; and

WHEREAS, applying for the EJG2G grant is in accordance with the “Energy” strategy to “[i]nvest in high-performance and resilient city facilities” and priority action to “[e]stablish prioritized facilities as ‘Resilience Hubs’—centers for community gathering during emergency; equip with solar and backup power to provide relief during emergency” and the “Community Planning & Social Cohesion” strategy to “[i]ncrease access, stability, and security of mixed-income housing and resilience hubs for local residents and anticipated climate migrants” and priority action to “[d]evelop neighborhood resilience hubs to foster community connection and increase emergency preparedness” as described in the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan; and

WHEREAS, applying for the EJG2G grant 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” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” as described on pages 181-186 and 209 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for a grant in the amount of up to \$1,000,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency through the Environmental Justice Government-to-Government grant program (ALN 66.312) for the purpose of creating two Resilience Hubs at existing facilities in priority communities within the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk