

EMERGENCY

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-2024

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant (ALN 10.935) of up to \$400,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture (the “USDA Grant”) to support diverting food loss and waste from landfills, increasing food recovery and transformation, and creating compost; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the USDA Grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 revenue account no. 436x8543; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund of \$100,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231029, “Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives – GF”; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to provide matching resources for the USDA Grant.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$400,000 is available from the United States Department of Agriculture through the Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant Program (ALN 10.935) (the “USDA Grant”); and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2023, Council approved Ordinance No. 253-2023, which authorized the City Manager to apply for the USDA Grant to support diverting food waste from landfills and creating compost; and

WHEREAS, the City was awarded the USDA Grant of up to \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, the USDA Grant requires the City to provide matching funds of 25 percent, totaling \$100,000, and these matching funds are available in existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231029, “Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives – GF,” but need to be transferred to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to be used for the local match; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Environment and Sustainability will use the matching funds to fund temporary personnel; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the USDA Grant; and

WHEREAS, 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 181-186 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 authorized to accept and appropriate a Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant (ALN 10.935) of up to \$400,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture (the “USDA Grant”) to support diverting food loss and waste from landfills, increasing food recovery and transformation, and creating compost.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the USDA Grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 revenue account no. 436x8543.

Section 3. That \$100,000 is transferred from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x231029, “Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives – GF,” and returned to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Section 4. That \$100,000 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to provide matching resources for the USDA Grant.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the USDA Grant and Sections 1 through 4.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the grant resources and align with the established grant period.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk