


October 16, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 

202402180

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – OES: Energy Futures Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$499,917 from the Energy Futures Grant Program (ALN 81.041) awarded by the United States Department of Energy to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to research strategies that will reduce the energy burden for disadvantaged communities through deployment of community solar power and implementation of new rate structures; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25DOEEF, “FY 2025 DOE Energy Futures Grant.”

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$499,917 from the Energy Futures Grant program (ALN 81.041) awarded by the United States Department of Energy (DOE) to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436. Grant resources will be used to research strategies to reduce the energy burden for disadvantaged communities through deployment of community solar power and implementation of new rate structures.

The City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

The grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Accepting grant resources to research strategies to reduce energy burdens for disadvantaged communities is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[p]rovide a full spectrum of housing options and improve housing quality and affordability” and strategy to “[e]venly distribute housing that is affordable throughout the city” as described on pages 164 – 174 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to meet established grant deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment