city of CINCINNATI
Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

March 11, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – Health: Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Get Vaccinated Ohio Public Health Initiative Grant**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

> **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to $288,535 from the Ohio Department of Health Get Vaccinated Ohio Public Health Initiative (ALN 93.268) to support activities that are designed to increase immunization rates among children under two years of age, school-aged children, and adolescents; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to receive and deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to $288,535 from the Ohio Department of Health Get Vaccinated Ohio Public Health Initiative (ALN 93.268) to support activities that are designed to increase immunization rates among children under two years of age, school-aged children, and adolescents. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

If awarded, the Cincinnati Health Department may participate in grant-funded activities such as conducting immunization assessments, implementing targeted reminder and recall systems, identifying disparities in immunization coverage, providing educational activities and outreach, supporting school vaccination programs and reporting compliance, and promoting the vaccination of high-risk infants exposed to Hepatitis B.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant and no local match is required. The Cincinnati Health Department intends to submit a grant application by March 2, 2026 in order to meet the grant application deadline, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval from the City Council.

Increasing immunization rates among children and adolescents, reducing health disparities, and preventing the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati" as described on pages 181-191 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment