

January 19, 2021

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee **202100181**

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – OEPA Diesel Mitigation Trust Fund Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount of up to \$391,950 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s Diesel Mitigation Trust Fund to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x212505, “Fleet Replacements,” for the purpose of replacing a select number of diesel vehicles within the City fleet.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount of up to \$391,950 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s Diesel Mitigation Trust Fund (“DMTF”) to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x212505, “Fleet Replacements,” for the purpose of replacing a select number of diesel vehicles within the City fleet.

In Ordinance No. 0311-2020, the City Council authorized the City Manager to apply for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s DMTF Grant in an amount of up to \$391,950. On December 1, 2020, the City was awarded the grant.

The DMTF Grant does not require new FTEs. The grant requires local match resources in the amount of \$479,950, which are available within existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x212505, “Fleet Replacements.”

Replacing inefficient diesel vehicles from the City’s fleet supports the goal of the Green Cincinnati Plan (2018) to “Decrease the consumption of fossil fuels, including gas, diesel, and natural gas by 20%” and the strategy to “Green the Fleet: Improve the fuel efficiency of the City’s Fleet,” as described on pages 205 and 215 of the plan.

This Emergency Ordinance is also in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to “Become a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to "Create a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption," as described on pages 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant resources in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
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Attachment