

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$30,000 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network to perform a resilience hub assessment, prepare a resilience hub plan, and conduct an energy audit with solar assessment at the Urban League of Greater Southwest Ohio offices in the Avondale neighborhood.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$30,000 is available from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (“USDN”), under the Resilience Hub Fund for Resilient Power Systems, to perform a resilience hub assessment, prepare a resilience hub plan, and conduct an energy audit with solar assessment at the Urban League of Greater Southwest Ohio (“ULGSO”) offices in the Avondale neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, a community codeveloped resilience hub assessment and resilience hub plan would help meet the needs of Avondale residents by providing the next steps towards a solar array, a battery backup, energy efficiency upgrades, emergency preparedness, disaster recovery capabilities, job and life skills training, resource access, extreme heat and cold shelter, and connections to nature; and

WHEREAS, a resilience hub could also improve social cohesion by serving as a safe gathering space and a point of community preparedness; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant requires no local matching funds, and no new FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with acceptance of this grant; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for this grant prior to the application deadline of August 15, 2024, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, because the City is a member of USDN, it served as the lead applicant on the USDN grant application, but the ULGSO and Groundwork Ohio will serve as sub-awardees of the grant, if awarded; and

WHEREAS, developing a resilience hub assessment and plan 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 “[s]peak in a unified voice with other entities to reach regional goals” and strategy to “[a]ctively coordinate our regional efforts” as described on pages 181-186 and 213-216 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 apply for a grant of up to \$30,000 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network to perform a resilience hub assessment, prepare a

resilience hub plan, and conduct an energy audit with solar assessment at the Urban League of Greater Southwest Ohio offices in the Avondale neighborhood.

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

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

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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