

June 11, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – 2025 CDBG Entitlement Grant Award

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$11,063,082.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program (ALN 14.218) to various newly established Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts, in accordance with Section A of the attached Appropriation Schedule and in accordance with the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025 Annual Action Plan, to fund projects and operating allocations for the CDBG Program; **AUTHORIZING** the return to source of \$1,128,908.22 from various Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts to the unappropriated surplus of Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 to realign available grant resources in accordance with Section B of the attached Appropriation Schedule; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of \$1,128,908.22 from the unappropriated surplus of Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 to various existing Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts to realign resources with program needs in accordance with Section C of the attached Appropriation Schedule; **ANNOUNCING** the City’s intention to use these sums for projects and operating allocations for the CDBG Program in accordance with the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, the 2025 Annual Action Plan, and the attached Appropriation Schedule, and to file the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025 Annual Action Plan; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to file the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025 Annual Action Plan.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance accomplishes the following:

1. Authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$11,063,082.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (ALN 14.218) to various newly established Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts, in accordance with Section A of the attached Appropriation Schedule and in accordance with the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025 Annual Action Plan, to fund projects and operating allocations for the CDBG Program;
2. Authorizes the return to source of \$1,128,908.22 from various Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts to the unappropriated

surplus of Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 for the purpose of realigning available grant resources in accordance with Section B of the attached Appropriation Schedule;

3. Authorizes the appropriation of \$1,128,908.22 from the unappropriated surplus of Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts to various existing Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts for the purpose or realigning resources with program needs in accordance with Section C of the attached Appropriation Schedule;
4. Announces the City's intention to use said sums for projects and operating allocations for the CDBG Program in accordance with the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, the 2025 Annual Action Plan, and the attached Appropriation Schedule and the intention to file the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025 Annual Action Plan; and
5. Authorizes the City Manager to file the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025 Annual Action Plan.

HUD announced the grant allocation for the CDBG Program on May 13, 2025. The CDBG grant is one of four HUD entitlement grants awarded to the City for Program Year 2025 that, when combined, create the 2025 Annual Action Plan, which must be submitted to HUD within sixty days of the award announcement.

Accepting and appropriating funds from the CDBG Program is in accordance with the "Live" strategy to "[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods" and the "Compete" initiative to "[b]e the pivotal economic force in the region" as described on pages 160-162 and 101-102 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide funding for the continuation of vital City programs and to comply with the HUD 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025 Annual Action Plan sixty-day submission deadline.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachments

