

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) in the amount of up to \$10,000 for the purpose of reimbursing the costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works to purchase valve exercising equipment needed to meet the new Ohio EPA public water system asset management program requirements; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit any such grant funds received into Water Works Fund No. 101x8527.

WHEREAS, the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) has been working to develop a robust asset management program to meet new Ohio EPA asset management program requirements and to maintain the infrastructure needed to provide a continuous source of safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS, to meet the asset management program requirements, GCWW is in need of equipment for exercising valves in the distribution system; and

WHEREAS, as part of the State of Ohio's H2Ohio Initiative to improve water infrastructure and develop the technical capacity of public water systems, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) has offered grants to reimburse public water systems for the initial costs of valve exercising equipment with a grant application deadline of January 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, no local match is required, and acceptance of the grant funds will not require the addition of any FTEs; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of grant funding to defray the costs of valve exercising equipment is in accordance with the "Sustain" initiative goal to "Become a healthier Cincinnati" and strategy to "Create a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption" as described on pages 179-186 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 hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant funds in the amount of up to \$10,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) for the purpose of reimbursing costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works to purchase valve exercising equipment necessary to meet Ohio EPA requirements.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to receive and deposit the grant monies into Water Works Fund No. 101x8527.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 hereof.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk