

June 3, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202601741

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – 2026 ESG Entitlement Grant Award

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$972,328 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Emergency Solutions Grant (“ESG”) Program (ALN 14.231) to various newly established Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 project accounts in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule and the 2026 Annual Action Plan to fund projects and operating allocations for the ESG Program; **ANNOUNCING** the City’s intent to use this sum for projects and operating allocations for the ESG Program, in accordance with the 2026 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes City Manager to accept and appropriate \$972,328 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)’s Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program (ALN 14.231) to various newly established Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 project accounts in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule and the 2026 Annual Action Plan to fund projects and operating allocations for the ESG Program. The Emergency Ordinance further announces the City’s intention to use this sum for projects and operating allocations for the ESG Program, in accordance with the 2026 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan.

HUD announced the grant allocation for the ESG Program on April 6, 2026. The ESG grant is one of four HUD entitlement grants awarded to the City for Program Year 2026 that, when combined, create the 2026 Annual Action Plan, which must be submitted to HUD within sixty days of the award announcement.

Improving essential services to the homeless population is in accordance with the “Live” strategy to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods” as described on pages 160-162, and the “Compete” initiative to “[b]e the pivotal economic force in the region” as described on pages 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 2026 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