

March 12, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – OES: Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation Grant Subaward from University of Cincinnati**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a U.S. Department of Energy Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation grant (ALN 81.117) of up to \$100,000 from the University of Cincinnati to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to research and develop building performance standards; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25DOERECEI, “FY 2025 DOE Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation.”

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation (RECI) grant (ALN 81.117) of up to \$100,000 from the University of Cincinnati to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to research and develop building performance standards. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25DOERECEI, “FY 2025 DOE Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation.”

The grant does not require matching resources, and there are no additional FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

The University of Cincinnati already applied for the grant and selected the City as a sub-awardee, but no grant funds will be accepted without City Council approval.

Researching and developing building performance standards 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” as described on pages 181 – 186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and appropriate grant funds to meet established project timelines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

