

November 9, 2022

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202202046

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – OES: Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) Urban Agriculture Grant**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$25,000 from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation to the Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 for the purpose of providing resources to support the City's Urban Agriculture Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$25,000 from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) to the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES) General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 for the purpose of providing resources to support the City's Urban Agriculture Program. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

The GCF grant requires no local match or new FTEs.

The Office of Environment and Sustainability has already applied for this grant but will not accept any funds without the approval of the City Council.

The Urban Agriculture Program supports the goals to have "100% of residents have convenient access to healthy, affordable foods" and "[t]riple acreage of urban food production," as described on pages 126-130 of the Green Cincinnati Plan (2018).

The Urban Agriculture Program is also 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 grant resources in a timely manner so the Urban Agriculture Program may continue to provide essential food services.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment