

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant (ALN 10.935) of up to \$400,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture for the purpose of diverting distressed food loads from landfills to food rescue organizations and creating composting infrastructure to divert food waste from landfills.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$400,000 is available from the United States Department of Agriculture through the Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant Program (ALN 10.935); and

WHEREAS, the grant will provide resources to divert distressed food loads and food waste from landfills and to create composting infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, matching resources of 25 percent are anticipated to be provided by Last Mile Food Rescue and calculated by an approved and recognized value of food donated and rescued; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, to meet the grant application deadline of September 4, 2024, the City already applied for the grant, but no funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, diverting food waste from landfills and creating compost 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); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for a Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant (ALN 10.935) of up to \$400,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture for the purpose of diverting distressed food loads from landfills to food rescue organizations and creating composting infrastructure to divert food waste from landfills.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk