

January 8, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – OES: Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund (YCAF) Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$100,000 from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to continue funding the Cincinnati Youth Climate Action Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant revenues into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 revenue account no. 436x8571.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$100,000 from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to continue funding the Cincinnati Youth Climate Action Program (the “Program”).

The Program supports Cincinnati youth, ages fifteen to 24, in designing, producing, and overseeing urgent climate solutions for potential projects.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 0133-2024, the City previously accepted \$50,000 from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund to create the Program. An additional grant of up to \$100,000 is now available from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund to provide continued support to the Program.

This grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant. The City has already applied for the grant, but no grant resources will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Continuing to fund the Program is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategies to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” and “[m]ake sustainable access to and use of fresh, healthy food a priority in all neighborhoods,” as well as the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and strategy to “[p]rotect our natural resources” as described on pages 181-186 and 190-196 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

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

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

