

October 15, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – OES: EPA National Clean Investment Fund (NCIF) Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$250,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Clean Investment Fund grant program (ALN 66.957), as a subrecipient through the Coalition for Green Capital (dba the American Green Bank Consortium), to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to support market-building activities for energy-related projects; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 26EPANCIF, "FY 2026 EPA NCIF Grant."

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The Office of Environment and Sustainability teamed with the Cincinnati Development Fund (CDF) to apply for the sub-grant through the Coalition for Green to support the establishment of the Cincinnati Green Bank, but resources will not be accepted without Council approval.

This grant does not require matching resources and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Supporting market-building activities for energy-related projects 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 181-185 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

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

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

