

May 1, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – OES: Energy Futures Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$490,930 from the Energy Futures Grant program (ALN 81.041) awarded by the United States Department of Energy to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$490,930 from the Energy Futures Grant program (ALN 81.041) awarded by the United States Department of Energy (DOE) to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543.

The Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES) will use the grant resources to identify strategies to leverage the electric aggregation program to provide residents in low-income communities with access to affordable renewable energy.

The 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 funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Developing strategies to provide residents in low-income communities with access to affordable renewable energy through the electric aggregation program 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 develop strategies to assist low-income residents in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment