

March 26, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202500579

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Health: Expenditure of OneOhio Opioid Distributor Settlement Resources

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the expenditure of \$1,900,000 from OneOhio Opioid Distributor Settlement funds for a grant program in partnership with Hamilton County to provide resources to community partners for harm reduction programming, and \$304,000 to Hamilton County Public Health for expansion of the Harm Reduction/Stigma-Free Access for Everyone Service program.

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The City of Cincinnati (“City”) has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Hamilton County for the distribution of the grant funds, under which the City will transfer \$1,900,000 in settlement funds to the County, the County will contribute \$2,000,000, and the County will hold and administer agreements with the grantees for the first round of grant. The City will provide an additional \$304,000 of OneOhio Opioid Distributor Settlement resources to Hamilton County Public Health for the expansion of the Harm Reduction/Stigma-Free Access for Everyone (“SAFE”) Service program.

The \$2,204,000 total identified herein is currently available in Opioid Settlement Fund 475 and ready for expenditure. According to Ohio Auditor of State Bulletin 2022-003, the City Council must authorize the expenditure of OneOhio Opioid Distributor Settlement funds by ordinance.

The expenditure of OneOhio Opioid Distributor Settlement funds is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “Become a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 179-181 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to expend funds for harm reduction programming and grants that address the needs of the community and of local opioid mitigation stakeholders.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

