

EMERGENCY

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- 2021

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$90,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture (ALN 10.935) for a Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction Pilot Project entitled “Cincinnati Community Composting Collaborative” for the purpose of providing resources for travel, equipment, supplies, contractual services, and other expenses necessary for creating small-scale community composting and food waste drop-off sites for vegetative food waste in Cincinnati; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit grant resources into Fund No. 436, “Environmental Studies.”

WHEREAS, there is up to \$90,000 in grant funds available from the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) (ALN 10.935) for a Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction Pilot Project in Cincinnati entitled “Cincinnati Community Composting Collaborative”; and

WHEREAS, this grant will allow the City to provide resources for travel, equipment, supplies, contractual services, and other expenses necessary for creating small-scale (less than 500 square feet in size) community composting and food waste drop-off sites for vegetative food waste in Cincinnati that will be consistent with the rules and regulations set out in CMC 1422 - Urban Agriculture: Horticulture and Animal Keeping; and

WHEREAS, approved expenses will be reimbursed by the USDA for the project which is anticipated to start in October 2021 and end on September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a minimum local match of 25 percent, and matching resources of approximately \$37,000 have been committed from outside organizations, with only \$250 coming from the Office of Environment and Sustainability (“OES”) non-personnel operating budget for printing expenses; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, there was an application deadline of July 16, 2021, so OES already has applied for the grant but will not accept any funds without approval of Council; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Community Composting Collaborative project is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “become a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “create a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption,” as described on pages 181 – 186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012), and is in accordance with the goal to “reduce food waste by 20% by 2025,” as described on page 128 of the Green Cincinnati Plan (2018); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$90,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture (ALN 10.935) for a Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction Pilot Project in Cincinnati entitled “Cincinnati Community Composting Collaborative,” for the purpose of providing resources for travel, equipment, supplies, contractual services, and other expenses necessary for creating small-scale community composting and food waste drop-off sites for vegetative food waste in Cincinnati.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to deposit the grant funds into Fund 436, “Environmental Studies.”

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of and Sections 1 and 2 hereof.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the grant award for the Cincinnati Community Composting Collaborative project in order to begin work in October 2021.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk