

May 20, 2026

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – OES: Hamilton County ReSource Residential Recycling Incentive (RRI) Grant Program**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$238,283.88 from the Hamilton County ReSource Residential Recycling Incentive grant program to provide resources for recycling education and awareness, residential recycling, drop-off recycling, yard waste, food waste, composting, waste reduction, litter collection, and the labor, equipment and materials to support these efforts; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8782, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 26HamCoRRI, “FY 2026 Hamilton County RRI Grant.”

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of \$238,283.88 from the Hamilton County ReSource Residential Recycling Incentive (RRI) grant program to provide resources for recycling education and awareness, residential recycling, drop-off recycling, yard waste, food waste, composting, waste reduction, litter collection, and the labor, equipment, and materials to support these efforts.

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

Providing resources for waste diversion programs 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 grant program timelines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment