



# City of Cincinnati

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## An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2021

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grant resources in an amount up to \$150,000,000 awarded by the United States Department of Transportation through the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (CFDA 20.934) discretionary grant program to provide resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

WHEREAS, the total, current estimated cost of replacing the Western Hills Viaduct is \$335,000,000, including costs for design, right of way acquisition, construction, removals, and interim maintenance on the existing viaduct until a new viaduct is complete and operational; and

WHEREAS, Infrastructure for Rebuilding America grant resources may be used for up to 60 percent of eligible project costs and require a 40 percent local match, of which 20 percent may be matched using other federal grant resources; and

WHEREAS, the source of local matching funds for this grant has to be determined but matching funds are expected to come from a variety of sources including future allocations of resources in the "Western Hills Viaduct," "Maintenance Fund for Bridges," and the "Bridge Rehabilitation Program" capital improvement program project accounts; and

WHEREAS, applications for these grant resources may be submitted prior to the effective date of this ordinance to meet the application deadline of March 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, if awarded grant funding, the Department of Transportation and Engineering will require authorization from the Council in order to accept the funds and will only accept a grant amount for which matching funds are available; and

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

WHEREAS, the Western Hills Viaduct replacement project is in accordance with the "Connect" goal to "develop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality," and the strategy to "use the city's transportation network to facilitate economic development opportunities," as described on pages 139-143 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for Infrastructure for Rebuilding America grants from the United States Department of Transportation in an amount up to

\$150,000,000 for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of the Western Hills Viaduct.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of this grant and Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk