

May 3, 2021

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202101594

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – American Rescue Plan Funding for Health Centers**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an American Rescue Plan Funding for Health Centers (“H8F”) grant in the amount up to \$9,975,375 from the United States Department of the Treasury as part of the American Rescue Plan Act for the purpose of supporting health centers funded under the Health Center Program to prevent, mitigate, and respond to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) and to enhance health care services and infrastructure; **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the funds in Fund 469, “Local Fiscal Recovery,” revenue account no. 469x8543; **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of H8F grant project account no. 469x101xARP100, “Funding for Health Centers,” for the purpose of supporting health centers funded under the Health Center Program to prevent, mitigate, and respond to COVID-19 and to enhance health care services and infrastructure; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$9,975,375 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established H8F grant project account no. 469x101xARP100, “Funding for Health Centers,” for the purpose of providing support for the Cincinnati Health Department in providing equitable access to COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, and treatment as well as other current and anticipated COVID-19 and primary health care needs within the most vulnerable communities; and further **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP100, “Funding for Health Centers,” to be for a public purpose.

This Emergency Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to accept an American Rescue Plan Funding for Health Centers (H8F) grant in the amount up to \$9,975,375 from the United States Department of the Treasury as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act for the purpose of supporting health centers funded under the Health Center Program to prevent, mitigate, and respond to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and to enhance health care services and infrastructure. The Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds in Fund 469, “Local Fiscal Recovery,” revenue account no. 469x8543. Further, this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the establishment of H8F grant project account no. 469x101xARP100, “Funding for Health Centers,” and authorizing the appropriation of the sum of \$9,975,375 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established H8F grant project account no. 469x101xARP100, “Funding for Health Centers.”

Additionally, this Emergency Ordinance will declare expenditures from ARP grant project account no. 469x101xARP100, "Funding for Health Centers," to be for a public purpose.

Funds will be used to provide equitable access to COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, and treatment as well as other current and anticipated COVID-19 and primary health care needs within the most vulnerable communities.

There is no local match required and no FTEs are associated with this funding.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to implement H8F-related programs in City health centers.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
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Attachment

