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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. 124

- 2026

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$50,000 from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund to continue supporting the Cincinnati Youth Climate Action Fund; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant revenues into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8571.

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Youth Climate Action Fund (the “Program”) supports Cincinnati youth, ages fifteen to 24, in designing, producing, and overseeing urgent climate solutions for potential projects including education, outreach, research, co-development initiatives, and launching climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives, as well as their involvement in governance of local climate action plans; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 133-2024, the City previously accepted \$50,000 from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund to create the Program and, pursuant to Ordinance No. 3-2025, accepted an additional \$100,000 to provide further funding for the Program; and

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$50,000 is available from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund to provide additional funding for the Program; and

WHEREAS, of the \$50,000 available, \$10,000 will be used for administrative funding and the remaining \$40,000 will be distributed as small grants to youth-led and youth-serving groups leading projects aligned with the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan; and

WHEREAS, small grant awards are anticipated to range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per request and are expected to be utilized within six months; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the City has already applied for the grant, but no grant resources will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, continuing to fund the Program is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategies to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” and “[m]ake sustainable access to and use of fresh, healthy food a priority in all neighborhoods” as well as the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and strategy to “[p]rotect our natural resources” as described on pages 181-185 and 190-195 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, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$50,000 from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund to continue supporting the Cincinnati Youth Climate Action Fund.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit grant revenues into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8571.

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

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 and meet established program timelines.

Passed: May 13, 2026

Jan Michele Lemoyne Kearney
Vice Mayor

Attest: City Clerk
Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO. 126 2024
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 5/20/2024
City Clerk
CLERK OF COUNCIL