

January 29, 2025

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

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DCED: Poste II Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251620, “ODOD Poste II Assessment – Grant,” for Voluntary Action Program-compliant environmental assessments and preparation of a remedial action plan for the real property located at 750, 752, and 758 E. McMillan Street in the Walnut Hills neighborhood of Cincinnati (“the Poste II site assessment”); and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$205,131 from the Ohio Department of Development through the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251620, “ODOD Poste II Assessment – Grant,” for the Poste II site assessment.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate up to \$205,131 from the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) through the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251620, “ODOD Poste II Assessment – Grant,” for the Poste II site assessment.

The City acquired 750, 752, and 758 E. McMillan Street in the Walnut Hills neighborhood for redevelopment purposes in 2010. Prior to the city’s ownership of 752 and 758 E. McMillan Street, the structures were used as dry cleaners. As a result, the City needs to complete Voluntary Action Program-compliant environmental assessments and prepare a remedial action plan to inform remediation and/or seek potential redevelopment opportunities at the sites. As a local match, \$68,467 will be used from existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x231610, “Commercial & Industrial Public Improvements.”

Securing grant funding for the Poste II site assessment and development of a remediation action plan project is consistent with the “Compete” goal to “[f]oster a climate conducive to growth, investment, stability, and opportunity” as described on page 103 of Plan Cincinnati. (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the need to meet established grant deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director  
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Attachment

