

February 24, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council **202200478**
From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager
**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – 2022 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Program Reconciliation**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the transfer and return to source, Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445, of the sum of \$559,380.39 from various Emergency Shelter Grant project accounts, in accordance with the attached Schedule of Transfer; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$559,380.39 from the unappropriated surplus of Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 to various Emergency Shelter Grant project accounts, in accordance with the attached Schedule of Transfer, for the purpose of appropriating Emergency Shelter Grant administrative resources to Emergency Shelter Grant project accounts to completely fund emergency shelter renovations for increased safety related to COVID-19.

As indicated in Section 1 of the attached Schedule of Transfer, approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and return to source, Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445, the sum of \$559.380.39 from various Emergency Shelter Grant project accounts.

As indicated in Section 2 of the attached Schedule of Transfer, this Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$559,380.39 from the unappropriated surplus of Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 to various Emergency Shelter Grant project accounts for the purpose of appropriating Emergency Shelter Grant administrative resources to Emergency Shelter Grant project accounts to completely fund emergency shelter renovations for increased safety related to COVID-19.

The Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) provides annual grants to local communities for projects that engage persons living on the street, improve the number and quality of shelters, help operate shelters, provide essential services to shelter residents, rapidly re-house persons experiencing homelessness, and prevent people from experiencing homelessness.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the initial grant allocation of \$1,013,616 for the ESG program on February 14, 2020,

which City Council accepted and appropriated through Ordinance Nos. 0020-2020 and 0107-2020.

HUD later awarded two additional tranches of stimulus funding (ESG-CV) to address the impacts of COVID-19. The first tranche totaled \$3,495,228 and was accepted and appropriated by the City Council through Ordinance Nos. 0107-2020 and 0121-2020. The second tranche of stimulus funding totaled \$4,156,549 and was accepted and appropriated by the City Council through Ordinance No. 0240-2020.

HUD requires the ESG-CV resources to be spent by September 30, 2022. A portion of the stimulus resources needs to be reallocated from administrative project accounts to other ESG-CV project accounts to complete emergency shelter renovations for increased safety related to COVID-19.

The ESG 2020 Program is in accordance with the “Live” strategy to “support and stabilize our neighborhoods,” as described on pages 160 - 163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to fund vital City programs with Emergency Solutions Grant resources according to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development’s established timeline.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment