

December 18, 2024

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

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



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**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – OES: AmeriCorps VISTA Project Grant**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of in-kind services valued at up to \$46,800 from the Ohio Community Development Corporation Association AmeriCorps VISTA Project through the Corporation for National and Community Service to provide one full-time contracted position to carry out key portions of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of in-kind services valued at up to \$46,800 from the Ohio Community Development Corporation Association (OCDCA) AmeriCorps VISTA Project through the Corporation for National and Community Service to provide one full-time contracted position to carry out key portions of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan.

This grant requires a local match of up to \$2,000 which will be provided from Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200. No new FTEs/full time equivalents are required.

The City requested two OCDCA AmeriCorps VISTA Project placements by the grant deadline of January 17, 2024, and one placement was awarded. In-kind services will not be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Acceptance of the in-kind services of an AmeriCorps VISTA Project placement to accelerate implementation of the Plan is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” as described on pages 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to execute the grant agreement between the City and OCDCA AmeriCorps VISTA Project by the deadline of January 10, 2025.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

