

June 11, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – 2025 ESG Entitlement Grant Award

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$981,932.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Solutions Grant (“ESG”) Program (ALN 14.231) to various newly established Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 project accounts in accordance with the attached Schedule of Appropriation, the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025 Annual Action Plan to fund projects and operating allocations for the ESG Program; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$157,350.64 from Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 project account no. 445x101x4452421, “Homeless Shelters and Housing ’24,” to the unappropriated surplus of Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 to realign available grant resources; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$157,350.64 from the unappropriated surplus of Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 to existing Emergency Shelter Grant project account no. 445x101x4452415, “Rapid Re-Housing ’24,” to realign resources with program needs; **ANNOUNCING** the City’s intention to use these sums for projects and operating allocations for the ESG Program in accordance with the attached Schedule of Appropriation, the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, and the 2025 Annual Action Plan and to file the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025 Annual Action Plan; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to file the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025 Annual Action Plan.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance accomplishes the following:

1. Authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$981,932.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ALN 14.231) to various newly established Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 project accounts, in accordance with the attached Schedule of Appropriation, the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, and the 2025 Annual Action Plan to fund projects and operating allocations for the ESG Program;
2. Authorizes the return to source of \$157,350.64 from Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 project account no. 445x101x4452421, “Homeless Shelters and Housing ’24,” to the unappropriated surplus of Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 for the purpose of realigning available grant resources;

3. Authorizes the appropriation of \$157,350.64 from the unappropriated surplus of Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 to existing Emergency Shelter Grant project account no. 445x101x4452415, “Rapid Re-Housing ’24,” for the purpose of realigning resource with program needs;
4. Announces the City’s intention to use these sums for projects and operating allocations for the ESG Program in accordance with the attached Schedule of Appropriation, the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, and the 2025 Annual Action Plan and to file the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025 Annual Action Plan; and
5. Authorizes the City Manager to file the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025 Annual Action Plan.

HUD announced the grant allocation for the ESG Program on May 13, 2025. The ESG grant is one of four HUD entitlement grants awarded to the City for Program Year 2025 that, when combined, create the 2025 Annual Action Plan, which must be submitted to HUD within sixty days of the award announcement.

Accepting and appropriating funds from the ESG Program is in accordance with the “Live” strategy to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods” as described on pages 160-162 and the “Compete” initiative to “[b]e the pivotal economic force in the region” as described on pages 101-102 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide funding for the continuation of vital City programs and to comply with the HUD 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025 Annual Action Plan sixty-day submission deadline.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director



Attachments