

June 11, 2025

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

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

**Subject: Ordinance – Health: Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Creating Healthy Communities Grant**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant, effective FY 2026, of up to \$80,000 from the State of Ohio Department of Health Creating Healthy Communities program to reimburse the City for personnel and non-personnel expenses related to its Healthy Communities Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536, effective FY 2026.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant, effective FY 2026, of up to \$80,000 from the State of Ohio Department of Health Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) program to reimburse the City for personnel and non-personnel expenses related to its Healthy Communities Program. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536, effective FY 2026.

The City's Healthy Communities Program, administered by the Cincinnati Health Department (CHD), works to advance health equity and improve the well-being of residents by promoting healthy behaviors, supporting access to nutritious food, encouraging physical activity, reducing tobacco use, and addressing health disparities through education, policy initiatives, and partnerships that foster sustainable, community-driven solutions.

If awarded, CHD will utilize the grant resources to enhance pedestrian safety infrastructure in Carthage, broaden the Safe Routes to School initiatives to incorporate bicycle infrastructure and extend into the East Westwood and Villages of Roll Hill neighborhoods, and develop food access policy and planning in the Beekman Corridor.

The City applied for the CHC grant on May 5, 2025, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant, and no local match is required.

Accepting the CHC grant is in accordance with the Sustain goal to "[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati" as described on pages 181-191 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

