

April 1, 2026

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

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

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**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – OES: Groundwork Ohio River Valley Funding Agreement**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute a funding agreement with Groundwork Ohio River Valley to provide one-time operational funding for Green Cincinnati Plan climate resilience programming in Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to expend up to \$50,000 of existing resources from Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 to provide one-time operational funding to Groundwork Ohio River Valley for Green Cincinnati Plan climate resilience programming in Cincinnati; and **DECLARING** such expenditure to serve a public purpose by supporting Green Cincinnati Plan implementation in Cincinnati.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to execute a funding agreement with Groundwork Ohio River Valley to provide one-time operational funding for Green Cincinnati Plan climate resilience programming in Cincinnati. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to expend up to \$50,000 of existing resources from Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 to provide one-time operational funding to Groundwork Ohio River Valley for Green Cincinnati Plan climate resilience programming in Cincinnati. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance declares this expenditure to serve a public purpose.

Groundwork Ohio River Valley will use these resources to provide the City with climate resilience programming, including the following projects: the West End Resilience Hub, Climate Advisory Group Re-Convening, Green Infrastructure Storymap and Climate Safe Neighborhoods Lite.

Providing one-time operational funding to Groundwork Ohio River Valley to provide climate resilience programming is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on page 181 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to execute a funding agreement with Groundwork Ohio River Valley before the end of Fiscal Year 2026.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

