

April 17, 2024

**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) Expansion of Established School-Based Health Centers (SBHC) Grant**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$400,000 from the Ohio Department of Health for the expansion of existing school-based health centers (“SBHCs”) to expand the SBHC at Roberts Academy; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$400,000 from the Ohio Department of Health for the expansion of existing school-based health centers (SBHCs) to expand the SBHC at Roberts Academy, one of the largest SBHCs the Cincinnati Health Department (CHD) operates. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

These grant funds would provide resources for CHD to acquire medical equipment, supplies, and waiting room furniture, and to construct a community entrance to the SBHC at Roberts Academy to enhance accessibility and safety for residents and students. If grant funds are awarded and accepted, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) will be required between CHD and Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) as part of the grant agreement because the community entrance will be constructed on CPS property.

The grant application deadline was April 1, 2024, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

No additional FTEs/full time equivalents or local matching funds are required.

Accepting these grant funds to expand the established SBHC at Roberts Academy is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 181-192 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment