

EMERGENCY

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- 2025

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$20,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to Water Works non-personnel operating budget account no. 101x301x7200 for supplies, services, and costs associated with Greater Cincinnati Water Works' Source Water Protection Program to educate the public on water quality at events such as Greater Cincinnati Water University; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to receive and deposit grant funds into Water Works Fund revenue account no. 101x8527.

WHEREAS, grant funding is available from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("OEPA") to support public outreach and education activities as part of Greater Cincinnati Water Works' ("GCWW") Source Water Protection Program, recognizing that public education is the primary strategy for source water quality protection and improvement in both of GCWW's OEPA-endorsed Source Water Protection Plans; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant will partially fund Greater Cincinnati Water University, an event which educates local elementary students about the science of water and water treatment, provides insight into treatment processes, and educates students about the value of water so they become better-informed residents and future water stewards; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant will enable GCWW to purchase Enviroscope and Aquifer Sand Tank models to help educate the public on water quality, pollution prevention, and the importance of source water protection; and

WHEREAS, the City has already applied for the grant, and the grant was awarded on March 17, 2025, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, educating the public on water quality is in accordance with the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" and strategy to "[u]nite our communities" as described on pages 207-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$20,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to Water Works non-personnel operating budget account no. 101x301x7200 for supplies, services, and costs associated with Greater

Cincinnati Water Works' Source Water Protection Program to educate the public on water quality at events such as Greater Cincinnati Water University.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to receive and deposit grant funds into Water Works Fund revenue account no. 101x8527.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 through 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the need to immediately accept the grant prior to the end of Fiscal Year 2025 and remain in compliance with established OEPA grant deadlines.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk