

EMERGENCY

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-2024

AUTHORIZING the City Manager or her designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the amount of up to \$15,000,000, comprised of \$7,950,000 in principal forgiveness and \$7,050,000 in zero-interest loan funding, from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority to assist with the cost of replacing all public and private lead service lines within the utility’s service area; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to receive and deposit loan funds into Fund Numbers 756x8569, 756x8527, 312x8569, and 312x8527.

WHEREAS, Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (“WSRLA”) funding in the amount of up to \$15,000,000 is available from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority in the form of grant-like principal forgiveness and zero-interest loan funding to public water systems for private lead service line replacement projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) currently operates a program that aims to replace all public and private lead service lines within the utility’s service area to reduce the risk of lead in water; and

WHEREAS, GCWW desires to apply for up to \$15,000,000 in WSRLA funding for the replacement of public and private lead service lines in the form of up to \$7,950,000 in principal forgiveness and \$7,050,000 in zero-interest loan funding; and

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

WHEREAS, the loan application deadline was September 1, 2024, and the City has applied for the loan, but no loan funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, this funding will reimburse costs incurred to replace all public and private lead service lines as part of GCWW’s lead line replacement program, which may include: McMillan/Taft/Calhoun; Burch/East Hill/Shaw; Erie Burch; Branch only – Beech/Eighth; Branch only – Jonathan/Ruth; MLK/Bishop/Lakewood; Southern/Hawthorne; Fire Flow 23; McHenry/Sunshine/Wooster; Baker/Bedford/Beechcrest; Lyon/Moerlein/Wheeler; Monastery/ St. Gregory – Mt. Adams; and Budd Street; and

WHEREAS, assisting with the cost of public and private lead service line replacement projects is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” as described on pages 181-186 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 or her designee is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the amount of up to \$15,000,000, comprised of \$7,950,000 in principal forgiveness and \$7,050,000 in zero-interest loan funding, from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority to assist with the cost of replacing public and private lead service lines within the utility's service area.

Section 2. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized to receive and deposit loan funds into Fund Numbers 756x8569, 756x8527, 312x8569, and 312x8527.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the loan and Sections 1 and 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 immediate need to apply for and obtain loan funding approval in compliance with loan application deadlines.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____ Clerk