

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$10,000,000 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (ALN 14.023) program to provide resources to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (“PRO Housing”) (ALN 14.023) program provides competitive grant funding to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation; and

WHEREAS, eligible PRO Housing grant activities include identifying and seeking to remove one or more barriers to affordable housing production and preservation, and they must further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, or facilitate affordable housing production and preservation; and

WHEREAS, the City’s grant application includes the following eligible grant activities: developing zoning and land-use implementation tools and policies that encourage Missing Middle Housing; providing technical assistance and capacity building to mission-driven affordable housing developers and contractors to expand the creation and preservation of affordable housing; financing the development or preservation of affordable housing, focused on permanent supportive housing and households earning zero to thirty percent of the Area Median Income; and grant administration activities; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for this grant prior to the deadline of November 6, 2023, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant requires no matching funds, and no FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with acceptance of this grant; and

WHEREAS, this grant project is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[p]rovide a full spectrum of housing options, and improve housing quality and affordability” as described on page 164 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 a grant of up to \$10,000,000 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (ALN 14.023) program to provide resources to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to take all necessary actions to carry out the terms of the grant and Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk