

October 1, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Ordinance – Health: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) – Lead Hazard Reduction 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 \$4,200,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program (ALN 14.900) to provide resources for remediating lead-based paint hazards in eligible homes throughout Cincinnati and addressing other health risks through the City's Healthy Homes program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$3,960,000 into Lead Hazard Research Control Fund revenue account no. 387x8556 for lead hazard control and up to \$240,000 into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556 for Healthy Homes initiatives.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$4,200,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program (ALN 14.900) to provide resources for remediating lead-based paint hazards in eligible homes throughout Cincinnati and addressing other health risks through the City's Healthy Homes program. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit up to \$3,960,000 into Lead Hazard Research Control Fund revenue account no. 387x8556 for lead hazard control and up to \$240,000 into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556 for Healthy Homes initiatives.

Grant resources of up to \$3,960,000 will be utilized in the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to help identify and fix lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned homes, whether they are owner-occupied or rental units. Additionally, grant resources of up to \$240,000 will be utilized in the Healthy Homes program to identify and address other health and safety hazards in the same homes being treated for lead hazards.

The City applied for the grant on August 15, 2025, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval from the City Council. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant, but it does require a ten percent local match of up to \$420,000, which will be provided as an in-kind match of staff time.

Remediating lead-based health and safety hazards in homes throughout Cincinnati is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati" as described on pages 181-191 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

