

October 25, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager *WJW*

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**Subject: Ordinance – Health: Health Resources and Services Administration
FY 2023 Health Center Bridge Access Program Grant**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$234,311 from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) FY 2023 Health Center Bridge Access Program (ALN 93.527) to support health centers funded under the Health Center Program to prevent, mitigate, and respond to COVID-19 and to enhance health care services and infrastructure; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$234,311 from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) (ALN 93.527) to support health centers funded under the Health Center Program to prevent, mitigate, and respond to COVID-19 and to enhance health care services and infrastructure. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

The City seeks to use the funds from this grant to support local health centers funded under the Health Center Program with COVID-19 testing, vaccination, and therapeutics, as well as to improve patient support services, support community COVID-19 vaccination events, and support health department personnel with work on COVID-19 services and care delivery.

No additional FTEs/full time equivalents or local matching funds are associated with this grant.

The City did not apply for these funds but did receive a notice of award from HRSA on September 1, 2023, but no funds will be accepted without the approval of the City Council.

Acceptance of the HRSA FY 2023 Health Care Bridge Access Program grant 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

