

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$500,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant (ALN 66.818) through the EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436, revenue account no. 436x8543.

WHEREAS, grant resources of up to \$500,000 are available from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant (ALN 66.818) through the EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, this grant will provide resources for brownfield inventories, environmental assessments, community engagement plans, remedial action plans, and reuse and revitalization plans in environmentally vulnerable neighborhoods, including but not necessarily limited to neighborhoods in the Lower Mill Creek Industrial Corridor such as Northside, South Cumminsville, Millvale, North Fairmount, South Fairmount, Lower Price Hill, Camp Washington, and Queensgate; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2022, Council approved Ordinance No. 333-2022, which authorized the City Manager to apply for this grant, which was awarded to the City; and

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

WHEREAS, acceptance of the EPA Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant 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 well as the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” as described on pages 181 – 186 and 209, respectively, of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

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Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436, revenue account no. 436x8543.

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

Section 4. 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