

## EMERGENCY

**IMD**

**- 2024**

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$15,000 from the Hamilton County R3Source program, Waste Reduction Innovation Grant, to purchase and install community freezers and associated supplies in Avondale and Millvale; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8571.

WHEREAS, a Waste Reduction Innovation Grant (the “Grant”) is available from the Hamilton County R3Source program for the purpose of reducing waste in Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Health Department (“CHD”), through its Healthy Communities Program, will use the Grant funds to install community freezers at the Cincinnati Recreation Commission’s Hirsch Recreation Center in Avondale and Millvale Recreation Center in Millvale; and

WHEREAS, the City will work with community partners to stock the community freezers with meals that are produced from rescued food, with the goal of providing roughly 1,170 meals per week in each neighborhood and diverting an estimated 44,980 pounds of food from landfills in the program’s first year; and

WHEREAS, the community freezers will be placed indoors and in a public space at each location for community members to access without screening or judgment; and

WHEREAS, the Grant requires a 25% in-kind local match valued at up to \$3,750, which CHD will satisfy by assigning an existing Food Equity Coordinator from the Healthy Communities Program to implement the community freezer program; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full-time equivalents associated with the Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for the Grant on December 11, 2023, but funding will not be accepted without authorization from Council; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the Grant is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 181-192 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, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$15,000 from the Hamilton County R3Source program, Waste Reduction Innovation Grant

(the “Grant”), to purchase and install community freezers and associated supplies in Avondale and Millvale.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the Grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8571.

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 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 accept the funds within the deadline established by the Grant as well as deploy the Grant resources in a timely manner.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk