

EMERGENCY

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- 2025

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$250,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s National Clean Investment Fund grant program (ALN 66.957), as a subrecipient through the Coalition for Green Capital (dba the American Green Bank Consortium), to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to support market-building activities for energy-related projects; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 26EPANCIF, “FY 2026 EPA NCIF Grant.”

WHEREAS, a grant is available from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s National Clean Investment Fund (“NCIF”) grant program (ALN 66.957), part of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund through the Inflation Reduction Act, to mobilize private capital to support NCIF-qualified projects through market-building activities and create an enabling environment to develop and finance scalable and replicable clean energy projects through local governments, Tribes, and Not-For-Profit partner organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Environment and Sustainability teamed with the Cincinnati Development Fund (“CDF”) to apply for the sub-grant through the Coalition for Green Capital (dba the American Green Bank Consortium) to support the establishment of the Cincinnati Green Bank, but resources will not be accepted without Council approval; and

WHEREAS, CDF was intended to be the grant subrecipient, but due to capacity constraints, the City will now be the subrecipient; and

WHEREAS, this grant supports the implementation of the Green Cincinnati Plan, and advances the goal of the City to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050; and

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

WHEREAS, supporting market-building activities for energy-related projects 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 described on pages 181-185 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 \$250,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s National Clean Investment Fund

grant program (ALN 66.957), as a subrecipient through the Coalition for Green Capital (dba the American Green Bank Consortium), to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to support market-building activities for energy-related projects.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 26EPANCIF, "FY 2026 EPA NCIF Grant."

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out 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 and appropriate grant resources to meet established grant project timelines.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____

Clerk

