

September 2, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Contact Tracing Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$998,863 from the Ohio Department of Health to support the City's efforts to address COVID-19 by providing funding for contact tracing and case investigations to slow the transmission of COVID-19, minimize morbidity and mortality, preserve healthcare, workforce and infrastructure functions, and minimize social and economic impacts; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund 350.

This Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept and appropriate a grant in the amount up to \$998,863 from the Ohio Department of Health to support the Cincinnati Health Department in providing COVID-19 contact tracing and case investigations.

Temporary personnel will be utilized to provide the contact tracing services, and matching funds are not required.

This Emergency Ordinance would also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund 350.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the Sustain goal to "Become a healthier Cincinnati" as described on page 181 of Plan Cincinnati.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant funds to cover expenses related to the prevention and control of COVID-19 cases.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

