

**EMERGENCY**

CNS

- 2024

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$30,000 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network under the Resilience Hub Fund for Resilient Power Systems to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to perform a resilience hub assessment, prepare a resilience hub plan, and conduct an energy audit with solar assessment at the Urban League of Greater Southwest Ohio offices in the Avondale neighborhood; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8571.

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2024, Council passed Ordinance No. 286-2024, which authorized the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$30,000 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (“USDN”) to perform a resilience hub assessment, prepare a resilience hub plan, and conduct an energy audit with solar assessment at the Urban League of Greater Southwest Ohio (“ULGSO”) offices in the Avondale neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the City was awarded the grant on September 18, 2024, but Council approval is required to accept and appropriate the grant; and

WHEREAS, a community codeveloped resilience hub assessment and resilience hub plan will help meet the needs of Avondale residents by providing the next steps towards a solar array, a battery backup, energy efficiency upgrades, emergency preparedness, disaster recovery capabilities, job and life skills training, resource access, extreme heat and cold shelter, and connections to nature; and

WHEREAS, a resilience hub also could improve social cohesion by serving as a safe gathering space and a point of community preparedness; and

WHEREAS, because the City is a member of USDN, it served as the lead applicant on the USDN grant application, but the ULGSO and Groundwork Ohio will serve as sub-awardees of the grant; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant requires no local matching funds, and no new FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with acceptance of this grant; and

WHEREAS, developing a resilience hub assessment and plan 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” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[s]peak in a unified voice with other entities to reach regional goals” and strategy to “[a]ctively coordinate our regional efforts” as described on pages 181-186 and 213-216 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 accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$30,000 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network under the Resilience Hub Fund for Resilient Power Systems to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to perform a resilience hub assessment, prepare a resilience hub plan, and conduct an energy audit with solar assessment at the Urban League of Greater Southwest Ohio offices in the Avondale neighborhood.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8571.

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 and appropriate the grant resources.

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

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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