

January 4, 2021

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202002354
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Vision Zero, Devou Good Foundation 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 \$20,000 from the Devou Good Foundation to the Department of Transportation and Engineering Transportation Planning and Urban Design General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x232x7200 for the purpose of providing resources to implement a citywide billboard campaign for Vision Zero; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into the Department of Transportation and Engineering General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount up to \$20,000 from the Devou Good Foundation to the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) Transportation Planning and Urban Design General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x232x7200 for the purpose of providing resources to implement a citywide billboard campaign for Vision Zero.

The Vision Zero Network is a collaborative campaign helping communities reach their goals of Vision Zero by eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

The City commitment of local matching funds will be provided by in-kind design services valued at up to \$5,000 and provided by existing staff in the Department of Transportation and Engineering. There are no new FTEs associated with this grant. DOTE applied for the grant on December 14, 2020. However, funding will not be accepted without City Council authorization.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to apply and accept the grant award as soon as possible because the grant resources are limited and will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “Work in synergy with the Cincinnati community,” as described on pages 207 – 212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
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Attachment

