

May 29, 2025

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Ordinance – Health: National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Regional Emergency Preparedness Program Grant**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$60,000 from the National Association of County and City Health Officials Regional Emergency Preparedness Program to provide resources for the Cincinnati Health Department and the Metropolitan Sewer District to expand wastewater surveillance of infectious disease transmission in the community; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8571.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$60,000 from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Regional Emergency Preparedness Program to provide resources for the Cincinnati Health Department (CHD) and the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) to expand wastewater surveillance of infectious disease transmission in the community. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8571.

The grant resources will be used by CHD and MSD to purchase equipment and supplies to facilitate more flexible community-based projects, accelerate the dissemination of results to public health partners, and broaden the spectrum of monitored infectious diseases.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant and no local match is required. The Cincinnati Health Department applied for the grant on April 5, 2025 to meet the application deadlines, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval from the City Council.

Acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 181-191 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director  
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

