

September 5, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202401946

Subject: Ordinance – OES: USDA Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a Compost & Food Waste Reduction Grant (ALN 10.935) of up to \$400,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture for the purpose of diverting distressed food loads from landfills to food rescue organizations and creating composting infrastructure to divert food waste from landfills.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a Compost & Food Waste Reduction (CFWR) Grant (ALN 10.935) of up to \$400,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purpose of diverting distressed food loads from landfills to food rescue organizations and creating composting infrastructure to divert food waste from landfills.

This grant requires a 25% local match, which is anticipated to be provided by Last Mile Food Rescue and calculated by an approved and recognized value of food donated and rescued. No new FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with this grant.

The City already applied for the grant to meet the application deadline of September 4, 2024. However, no funds will be accepted without City Council approval.

Diverting food waste from landfills and creating compost 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 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

