

October 21, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202002000

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Oregon Community Health Information Network (OCHIN) COVID-19 Telehealth Funding Program**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$56,000 from the Oregon Community Health Information Network COVID-19 Telehealth Funding Program to support telehealth innovation for underserved communities.

This Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$56,000 from the Oregon Community Health Information Network (OCHIN) COVID-19 Telehealth Funding Program. The purpose of the funding is to support telehealth innovation for underserved communities. The OCHIN subsidy program will provide telehealth equipment to patients at Cincinnati Health Department (CHD) primary health centers and allow CHD providers to deliver telehealth services to patients at their homes or mobile locations.

No additional FTE are associated with this grant, 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 (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to receive 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

