

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant, effective FY 2026, of up to \$80,000 from the State of Ohio Department of Health Creating Healthy Communities program to reimburse the City for personnel and non-personnel expenses related to its Healthy Communities Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536, effective FY 2026.

WHEREAS, a Creating Healthy Communities (“CHC”) grant of up to \$80,000 is available from the Ohio Department of Health to reimburse existing staff from the Cincinnati Health Department for their work on the City’s Healthy Communities Program; and

WHEREAS, the CHC grant program works to ensure Ohio communities have access to healthy foods and opportunities for active living by activating community-led solutions to create sustainable change in policies, places, and population health; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Healthy Communities Program, administered by the Cincinnati Health Department (“CHD”), works to advance health equity and improve the well-being of residents by promoting healthy behaviors, supporting access to nutritious food, encouraging physical activity, reducing tobacco use, and addressing health disparities through education, policy initiatives, and partnerships that foster sustainable, community-driven solutions; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, CHD will utilize the grant resources to enhance pedestrian safety infrastructure in Carthage, broaden the Safe Routes to School initiatives to incorporate bicycle infrastructure and extend into the neighborhoods of East Westwood and Villages of Roll Hill, and develop food access policy and planning in the Beekman Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for the CHC grant on May 5, 2025, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, the CHC grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, accepting the CHC grant is in accordance with the Sustain goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 181-191 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 apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant, effective FY 2026, of up to \$80,000 from the State of Ohio Department of Health Creating

Healthy Communities program to reimburse the City for personnel and non-personnel expenses related to the City's Healthy Communities Program.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536, effective FY 2026.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk