

April 23, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 

Subject: **Ordinance – OES: Recycling Partnership Grant for Multifamily Housing**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant valued at up to \$280,000 from The Recycling Partnership, which includes a monetary grant of up to \$155,000 and a grant of in-kind services valued at up to \$125,000; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to appropriate up to \$155,000 of the grant resources to provide recycling collection, education, and supplies to residents at large, multifamily properties in Cincinnati; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$155,000 of the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8571, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25RPGrant, “2025 Recycling Partnership Grant.”

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant valued at up to \$280,000 from The Recycling Partnership, which includes a monetary grant of up to \$155,000 and grant of in-kind services valued at up to \$125,000. This Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to appropriate up to \$155,000 of the grant resources to provide recycling collection, education, and supplies to residents at large, multifamily properties in Cincinnati. Finally, this Ordinance authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$155,000 of the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8571, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25RPGrant, “2025 Recycling Partnership Grant.”

Up to \$155,000 of the grant resources may be used to support multifamily recycling efforts, including the purchase of interior bins and outreach materials, staffing and supplies, and consulting services. In-kind services valued at up to \$125,000 will support the City’s planning, implementation, and recycling outreach efforts.

This grant requires a 25% local match of up to \$38,750, which will be provided from Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200. No new FTEs/full time equivalents are required.

The City was invited to apply for the grant and has already submitted its application, but no resources will be accepted without City Council approval.

Expanding recycling access to include multifamily properties supports the “Zero Waste” focus area goal to “[i]ncrease waste diversion 10% by 2028” and strategy to

“[i]ncrease access to recycling for multi-family building residents” as described on pages 152-155 of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan.

Providing recycling collection, education, and supplies at large, multifamily properties 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 181-185 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment