

December 14, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202202216

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Health: Ohio Association of Community Health Centers Subgrant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a subgrant in the amount of \$75,000 from the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers for the purpose of providing resources to reimburse an existing position in the Cincinnati Health Department, which will serve as a disease intervention specialist in City of Cincinnati Primary Care health centers to develop screening, diagnosis, and treatment strategies for the Hepatitis C patient population; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$75,000 from the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers (OACHC) for the purpose of providing resources to reimburse an existing position in the Cincinnati Health Department, which will serve as a disease intervention specialist in City of Cincinnati Primary Care health centers to develop screening, diagnosis, and treatment strategies for the Hepatitis C patient population. This Emergency Ordinance would also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

The Ohio Association of Community Health Centers (OACHC) received funding from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to increase screening, diagnosis, and treatment of Hepatitis C in Ohio's Federal Qualified Health Center (FQHC) patient populations. The Cincinnati Health Department intends to utilize the subrecipient award to reimburse the costs of an existing position, which will serve as a disease intervention specialist in City of Cincinnati Primary Care (CCPC) health centers to develop screening, diagnosis, and treatment strategies for the Hepatitis C patient population.

There are no new FTEs associated with this subgrant and no local match is required. The Cincinnati Health Department applied for the grant on November 1, 2022, and was notified of receipt of the award on November 30, 2022. However, the grant will not be accepted without City Council approval.

Acceptance of this subgrant is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati" as described on pages 179-181 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to comply with the subgrant acceptance deadline.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

