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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

- 2021

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an American Rescue Plan Funding for Health Centers (“H8F”) grant in the amount up to \$9,975,375 from the United States Department of the Treasury as part of the American Rescue Plan Act for the purpose of supporting health centers funded under the Health Center Program to prevent, mitigate, and respond to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) and to enhance health care services and infrastructure; **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the funds in Fund 469, “Local Fiscal Recovery,” revenue account no. 469x8543; **AUTHORIZING** the establishment of H8F grant project account no. 469x101xARP100, “Funding for Health Centers,” for the purpose of supporting health centers funded under the Health Center Program to prevent, mitigate, and respond to COVID-19 and to enhance health care services and infrastructure; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$9,975,375 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established H8F grant project account no. 469x101xARP100, “Funding for Health Centers,” for the purpose of providing support for the Cincinnati Health Department in providing equitable access to COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, and treatment as well as other current and anticipated COVID-19 and primary health care needs within the most vulnerable communities; and further **DECLARING** expenditures from American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP100, “Funding for Health Centers,” to be for a public purpose.

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive funding from the United States Department of the Treasury pursuant to the American Rescue Plan (“ARP”) Act’s Funding for Health Centers (“H8F”) grant program, and additional guidance is forthcoming regarding eligible uses of such funds; and

WHEREAS, the H8F grant program provides funds to support health centers funded under the Health Center Program to prevent, mitigate, and respond to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) and to enhance health care services and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Health Department (“CHD”) will utilize these funds to provide equitable access to COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, and treatment as well as other current and anticipated COVID-19 and primary health care needs within the most vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, the CHD was already awarded the grant through ARP but will not accept any funds without approval of Council; and

WHEREAS, there is no local match required and no FTEs are associated with this grant; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept an American Rescue Plan Funding for Health Centers (“H8F”) grant in an amount up to \$9,975,375 as part of the American Rescue Plan Act for the purpose of supporting health centers funded under the Health Center Program to prevent, mitigate, and respond to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) and to enhance health care services and infrastructure.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to receive and deposit the funds into Fund 469, “Local Fiscal Recovery,” revenue account no. 469x8543.

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to establish H8F grant project account no. 469x101xARP100, “Funding for Health Centers,” for the purpose of supporting health centers funded under the Health Center Program to prevent, mitigate, and respond to COVID-19 and to enhance health care services and infrastructure.

Section 4. That the sum of \$9,975,375 is hereby appropriated to newly established H8F grant project account no. 469x101xARP100, “Funding for Health Centers,” for the purpose of providing support for the Cincinnati Health Department in providing equitable access to COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, and treatment as well as other current and anticipated COVID-19 and primary health care needs within the most vulnerable communities.

Section 5. That expenditures from ARP grant project account no. 469x101xARP100, “Funding for Health Centers,” are hereby declared to be for a public purpose because supporting health centers and enhancing health care services and infrastructure improves the economic and general well-being of the people of the City, which is necessary because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 6. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 5 hereof.

Section 7. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to implement H8F-related programs in City health centers.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk