

May 6, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202601523

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – OES: Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund (YCAF) Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$50,000 from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund to continue supporting the Cincinnati Youth Climate Action Fund; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant revenues into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8571.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$50,000 from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund (YCAF) to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to create the Cincinnati Youth Climate Action Program.

The Cincinnati Youth Climate Action Program supports Cincinnati youth in designing, producing, and overseeing urgent climate solutions for potential projects including education, outreach, research, co-development initiatives, and launching climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives, as well as their involvement in governance of local climate action plans.

Per Ordinance No. 0133-2024, the City previously accepted \$50,000 from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund to create the Program and, per Ordinance No. 0003-2025, accepted an additional \$100,000 to provide further funding for the Program.

Of the \$50,000 available, \$10,000 will be used for administrative funding and the remaining \$40,000 will be distributed as small grants to youth-led and youth-service groups leading projects aligned with the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan. Small grant awards are anticipated to range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per request and to be utilized within six months.

The City has already applied for this grant, but no grant resources will be accepted without approval by the City Council. This grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Continuing the Program is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategies to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” and “[m]ake sustainable access to and use of fresh, healthy food a priority in all neighborhoods” as well as the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built

environment” and strategy to “[p]rotect our natural resources” as described on pages 181-185 and 190-195 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the grant and meet established program timelines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment