

EMERGENCY

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2024

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$499,917 from the Energy Futures Grant Program (ALN 81.041) awarded by the United States Department of Energy to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to research strategies that will reduce the energy burden for disadvantaged communities through deployment of community solar power and implementation of new rate structures; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25DOEEF, “FY 2025 DOE Energy Futures Grant.”

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$499,917 is available from the United States Department of Energy through the Energy Futures Grant Program (ALN 81.041) to research strategies that will reduce the energy burden for disadvantaged communities through deployment of community solar power and implementation of new rate structures; and

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

WHEREAS, the City already applied for the grant to meet the grant application deadline, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, accepting grant resources to research strategies to reduce energy burdens for disadvantaged communities is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[p]rovide a full spectrum of housing options and improve housing quality and affordability” and strategy to “[e]venly distribute housing that is affordable throughout the city” as described on pages 164 - 174 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 of up to \$499,917 from the Energy Futures Grant Program (ALN 81.041) awarded by the United States Department of Energy to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to research strategies that will reduce the energy burden for disadvantaged communities through deployment of community solar power and implementation of new rate structures.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25DOEEF, “FY 2025 DOE Energy Futures Grant.”

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 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 meet established grant deadlines.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk