

November 30, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager *SM* 202202114

Subject: Ordinance – GCWW: OEPA Grant for Identification, Inventory and Mapping of Lead Service Lines.

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of up to \$50,000 to Water Works non-personnel operating budget account no. 101x301x7200, for the purpose of reimbursing the costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works in identifying, inventorying, and mapping lead service lines; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit any such grant funds received into Fund No. 101 “Water Works,” revenue account no. 101x8527.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) in an amount up to \$50,000 for the purpose of assisting the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) in mapping and locating unknown lead service lines within its service area. The Federal revised Lead and Copper Rule requires that public water systems identify, inventory, and document the material type of all water service lines within their service area by October 2024. Currently, GCWW has mapped the location of lead service lines in its service area based upon available historic records; however, some records may not accurately reflect the current service line material, due to property owner repairs or alterations to the service line, and incomplete records from areas that joined the GCWW system years after construction. These grant funds will assist GCWW with the cost of conducting exploratory excavation and two-point verification of service line material in areas and for properties with unknown or unidentified service line material in order to update GCWW’s lead service line maps.

This Ordinance further authorizes the Director of Finance to receive and deposit the grant funds into Fund No. 101 “Water Works,” revenue account no. 101x8527, in FY2023.

There is no local match required, and acceptance of the grant resources will not require the addition of any FTEs.

Acceptance of grant funding to assist with mapping the location of unknown lead service lines within the Greater Cincinnati Service Area and to ultimately help eliminate private lead service lines as a potential source of lead in water 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 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Verna Arnette, GCWW, Interim Executive Director
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Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment