

EMERGENCY

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- 2022

AUTHORIZING the City Manager or his designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of up to \$500,000 for the purpose of reimbursing costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works in identifying sources of groundwater contamination, monitoring for the compounds, and evaluating treatment options of emerging contaminants, including perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, in drinking water to the Greater Cincinnati Water Works Funds 101 and 756; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit any such grant funds received into Greater Cincinnati Water Works Fund No. 101, Revenue Account No. 101x8527 and Fund No. 756, Revenue Account No. 756x8527.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (“OEPA”) through its Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund will administer grant funding available as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for public water systems to monitor and address the presence of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) in drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) operates the Charles M. Bolton Water Plant (“the Plant”) and wishes to perform testing, identify potential contaminant sources, and evaluate potential treatment options for the drinking water processed at the Plant to address discharges of PFAS through wastewater and other sources of emergent contaminants in order to comply with the EPA’s National Primary Drinking Water Regulation expected in the fall of 2023, setting a national primary drinking water regulation for PFAS; and

WHEREAS, GCWW intends to apply to OEPA’s Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for grant resources to reimburse GCWW for the cost of identifying, analyzing, monitoring, and evaluating treatment options for emerging contaminants and PFAS within the water system, particularly the Plant; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs associated with acceptance of this grant; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds required with acceptance of this grant; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant funds in the amount of up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of reimbursing the costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati

Water Works in identifying, analyzing, monitoring, and evaluating treatment options for emerging contaminants and perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances at the Charles M. Bolton Water Plant, to the Greater Cincinnati Water Works Funds 101 and 756.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to receive and deposit the grant funds into Greater Cincinnati Water Works Fund No. 101, Revenue Account No. 101x8527 and Fund No. 756, Revenue Account No. 756x8527.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of the grant and Sections 1 and 2 hereof.

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 apply for and obtain grant funding approval.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk