

## EMERGENCY

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- 2024

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$10,000,000 from the United States Department of Energy Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 Assistance for the Adoption of the Latest and Zero Building Energy Codes program (ALN 81.117) to provide resources to help create the Ohio High Performance Building Hub and to assist with the implementation of building performance standards in Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Cleveland; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25DOEIRA, “FY 2025 DOE Ohio High Performance Building Hub.”

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$10,000,000 is available from the United States Department of Energy Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 Assistance for the Adoption of the Latest and Zero Building Energy Codes program (ALN 81.117) to provide resources to help create the Ohio High Performance Building Hub and to assist with the implementation of building performance standards in four Ohio cities, including Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, the grant award includes the cities of Columbus, Dayton, and Cleveland, as well as the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance and Power a Clean Future Ohio as sub-recipients; and

WHEREAS, the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance will assist the City of Cincinnati with the establishment of the Ohio High Performance Building Hub; and

WHEREAS, the grant will be received on a reimbursement basis over a five to seven year disbursement period, with the goal to complete disbursements after five years; and

WHEREAS, assuming a five-year grant disbursement period, each of the four cities will receive \$100,000 annually, for a combined total of \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, for administration of the grant, the City of Cincinnati is anticipated to receive an additional \$150,000 to \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, Power a Clean Future Ohio will receive \$100,000 and the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance is expected to receive up to \$7,700,000 to create and operate the Ohio High Performance Building Hub; and

WHEREAS, if the disbursement period extends beyond five years, each of the four cities will receive an additional \$100,000 annually, which will be deducted from the \$7,700,000 for the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, but the grant award will not exceed \$10,000,000 in total; 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, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, creating the Ohio High Performance Building Hub to assist with the implementation of building performance standards in Cincinnati 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); 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 \$10,000,000 from the United States Department of Energy Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 Assistance for the Adoption of the Latest and Zero Building Energy Codes program (ALN 81.117) to provide resources to help create the Ohio High Performance Building Hub and to assist with the implementation of building performance standards in Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Cleveland.

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. 25DOEIRA, “FY 2025 DOE Ohio High Performance Building Hub.”

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of this 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 accept and appropriate grant funds to create the Ohio High Performance

Building Hub and implement building performance standards in Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Cleveland.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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