

March 20, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – Law: Center for Community Progress Technical Assistance Scholarship

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for and accept in-kind services in the form of a technical assistance scholarship provided by Center for Community Progress.

Center for Community Progress is a national non-profit organization dedicated to tackling vacant properties that provides support to local communities to address systemic vacancy. In September 2023, representatives from the City of Cincinnati, the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation, and the Hamilton County Treasurer’s Office attended an intensive training offered by Center for Community Progress focused on education of novel tools and policies for addressing vacant and deteriorated properties, which included the opportunity to obtain up to 150 hours of technical assistance from Center for Community Progress. A proposal was submitted to utilize technical assistance from Center for Community Progress to build a coalition of partners and stakeholders impacted by vacant and deteriorated properties. The proposal was successful, and the technical assistance scholarship will be utilized by Law Department staff with an approximate value of \$40,000.

The grant does not come with a match requirement. No new FTEs/full time equivalents are required.

Due to the application deadline of January 9, 2024, the City already applied for the scholarship before the effective date of this ordinance, but no scholarship resources will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Applying for this technical assistance scholarship is in accordance with the “Compete” goal to “[s]trategically select areas for new growth” and the “Live” goal to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods” as described on pages 114-119 and pages 156-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



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