

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$350,000 from the Ohio Department of Health to support a project to evaluate the utility of SARS-CoV-2 wastewater monitoring on the subsewershed level, rather than the regional level; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

WHEREAS, a Wastewater Project Grant in the amount of up to \$350,000 is available from the Ohio Department of Health (“ODH”) to provide resources for the Cincinnati Health Department (“CHD”) to assist ODH in monitoring subsewershed levels of SARS-CoV-2 in wastewater from four local neighborhoods of different demographics, socioeconomic levels, SARS-CoV-2 vaccination rates, and Social Vulnerability Indexes; and

WHEREAS, CHD will work closely with the Metropolitan Sewer District (“MSD”), the ODH laboratory, and the ODH wastewater monitoring program team, with MSD providing technical support during placement of sensors and sample collection units, analysis of samples by ODH, and collaborative evaluation of the data by all involved agencies; and

WHEREAS, there was no application process for the grant, and ODH informed CHD of the grant award on December 6, 2022, but no funds will be accepted without approval of Council; and

WHEREAS, no local match is required, and acceptance of the grant resources will not require any additional FTEs; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the grant to support a project to evaluate the utility of SARS-CoV-2 wastewater monitoring on the subsewershed level, as opposed to the regional level, is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 181-192 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 accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$350,000 from the Ohio Department of Health to support a project to evaluate the utility of SARS-CoV-2 wastewater monitoring on the subsewershed level, rather than the regional level.

Section 2. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

Section 3. That the proper city officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2 hereof.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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