

**June 3, 2026**

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – 2026 CDBG Entitlement Grant Award**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$10,925,956 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program (ALN 14.218) to various newly established Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts, in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule and in accordance with the 2026 Annual Action Plan, to fund projects and operating allocations for the CDBG Program; **ANNOUNCING** the City’s intent to use said sums for projects and operating allocations for the CDBG Program in accordance with the 2026 Annual Action Plan, and the attached Appropriation Schedule, and to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$10,925,956 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program (ALN 14.218) to various newly established Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts, in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule and in accordance with the 2026 Annual Action Plan, to fund projects and operating allocations for the CDBG Program. The Emergency Ordinance further announces the City’s intention to use said sums for projects and operating allocations for the CDBG Program in accordance with the 2026 Annual Action Plan, and the attached Appropriation Schedule, and to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan.

HUD announced the grant allocation for the CDBG Program on April 6, 2026. The CDBG grant is one of four HUD entitlement grants awarded to the City for Program Year 2026 that, when combined, create the 2026 Annual Action Plan, which must be submitted to HUD within sixty days of the award announcement.

Accepting and appropriating funds from the CDBG Program is in accordance with the “Live” strategy to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods” and the “Compete” initiative to “[b]e the pivotal economic force in the region” as described on pages 101-102 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide funding for the continuation of vital City programs and to comply with the HUD 2026 Annual Action Plan sixty-day submission deadline.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director  
Steve Webb, Finance Director



Attachments