

October 19, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202201919

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – OES: Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant Application**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of up to \$500,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant (ALN 66.818), through the Environmental Protection Agency’s Brownfields Assessment Grant Program.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of up to \$500,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant (ALN 66.818), through the Environmental Protection Agency’s Brownfields Assessment Grant Program. This grant will provide resources for brownfield inventories, environmental assessments, community engagement plans, remedial action plans, and reuse and revitalization plans in environmentally vulnerable neighborhoods. The City neighborhoods targeted for this grant are in the Lower Mill Creek Industrial Corridor, including Northside, South Cumminsville, Millvale, North Fairmount, South Fairmount, Lower Price Hill, Camp Washington, and Queensgate.

The application deadline for this grant is November 22, 2022, and the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES) may have applied for the grant prior to receiving approval from the City Council. Resources will not be accepted without Council approval.

This grant does not require matching funds or new FTEs.

Applying for the EPA Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant 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,” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community,” as described on pages 181-186 and 209 of Plan Cincinnati (2012)

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment