

**June 14, 2023**  
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**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – OES: DOE Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant, effective FY 2024, of up to \$334,440 from the United States Department of Energy through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (ALN 81.128) to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to develop and implement energy efficiency and conservation programs at City facilities; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant, effective FY 2024, of up to \$334,440 from the United States Department of Energy (DOE) through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program (ALN 81.128) to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to develop and implement energy efficiency and conservation programs at City facilities. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543.

This grant does not require a local match or new FTEs/full time equivalents. However, the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES) may use grant resources to fund one new FTE for the duration of the grant. OES has already applied for the grant, but no grant resources will be accepted without City Council approval.

Acceptance of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block 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” as described on pages 181 – 186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and appropriate grant funds to develop and implement energy efficiency and conservation programs at City facilities in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment