

April 2, 2025

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

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Lunken Drainage Plan  
Amending Ordinance No. 0240-2024**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AMENDING** Ordinance No. 240-2024 to increase the amount of grant funding the City Manager is authorized to accept from the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Airport Infrastructure Grant program (ALN 20.106) from \$1,250,000 to \$1,400,000 to aid in the development of the Lunken Airport drainage infrastructure plan; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the additional \$150,000 in grant resources into the General Government Grants Fund revenue account no. 404x8554, Department of Transportation and Engineering project account no. 25DRN1.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance amends Ordinance No. 0240-2024 to increase the amount of grant funding the City Manager is authorized to accept from the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Airport Infrastructure Grant (BIL/AIG) program (ALN 20.106) from \$1,250,000 to \$1,400,000. The program will aid in the development of the Lunken Airport drainage infrastructure plan. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the additional \$150,000 in grant resources into Department of Transportation and Engineering General Government Grants Fund project account no. 25DRN1.

On June 12, 2024, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0240-2024, which authorized the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant funding from the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Airport Infrastructure Grant program. The Ordinance also authorized the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into a Department of Transportation and Engineering (“DOTE”) project account no. 25DRN1.

The cost estimate for the Lunken Airport drainage infrastructure plan has been updated to reflect current construction pricing trends. The federal participation grant match has also increased from 90 percent to 95 percent. After these changes, the BIL/AIG program will now contribute up to \$1,400,000 in grant funds to develop the Lunken Airport drainage infrastructure plan.

The BIL/AIG program will still require a local share, but the local grant match has been reduced from ten percent to five percent, which will be covered by resources available in the Department of Transportation & Engineering’s General Aviation

Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 104x234x7200, effective FY 2025. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Developing a drainage infrastructure plan for Lunken Airport is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop a regional transportation system that promotes economic vitality” as described on page 139 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and appropriate additional grant resources to meet established project timelines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment