

December 6, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DCED: OKI EV Charging Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x241617, “EV Charging Infrastructure - OKI Grant,” to provide grant resources to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in off-street parking facilities located in Over-the-Rhine (“OTR”) and the Central Business District (“CBD”); **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources of up to \$558,751 from Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (“OKI”) via federal Carbon Reduction Program funding (ALN 20.205) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x241617, “EV Charging Infrastructure - OKI Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x241617, “EV Charging Infrastructure - OKI Grant”; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x241618, “EV Charging Infrastructure - 3CDC Contribution,” to provide the local match resources and contributions to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in off-street parking facilities located in OTR and the CBD; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate local match resources and contributions of up to \$366,688 from Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x241618, “EV Charging Infrastructure - 3CDC Contribution”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit local match resources and contributions into capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x241618, “EV Charging Infrastructure - 3CDC Contribution”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these resources.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources of up to \$558,751 from Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) via federal Carbon Reduction Program funding (ALN 20.205), to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x241617, “EV Charging Infrastructure - OKI Grant,” to provide grant resources to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in off-street parking facilities located in Over-the-Rhine (OTR) and the Central Business District (CBD).

This Emergency Ordinance would also authorize the City Manager to accept and appropriate resources of up to \$366,688 from Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC) to newly established capital improvement program project account

no. 980x164x241618, “EV Charging Infrastructure - Grant Match” to provide the local match resources required by the OKI grant to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in off-street parking facilities located in OTR and CBD. Finally, the Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these resources.

3CDC applied for the OKI grant on behalf of the City, and the project was awarded \$558,751. The grant requires a twenty percent local match. An amount of up to \$139,688 will be provided by 3CDC for the grant match and project contingency costs. 3CDC will also provide all other funding necessary to complete the project including the cost for the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) to provide services associated with the installation of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure of up to \$227,000. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

The installation of EV charging infrastructure 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 comply with the grant acceptance deadline and to utilize grant funding in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

