

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 HOME Entitlement Grant Award

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$2,596,978.03 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Home Investment Partnerships (“HOME”) Grant Program (ALN 14.239) to various Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project accounts in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule; **ANNOUNCING** the City’s intent to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan and to use said sums as set forth in the attached Appropriation Schedule for projects and operating allocations for the HOME Program in accordance with 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 \$2,596,978.03 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)’s Home Investment Partnerships (“HOME”) Grant Program (ALN 14.239) to various Home Investment Trust Fund 411 project accounts in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule. The Emergency Ordinance further announces the City’s intent to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan and to use said sums as set forth in the attached Appropriation Schedule for projects and operating allocations for the HOME Program in accordance with 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 HOME Program on April 6, 2026. The HOME 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.

Buying, building, and rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or ownership, as well as projects providing down payment assistance, is in accordance with the “Live” strategy to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods” as described on pages 160-163 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

