

September 30, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager

SM for PBM 202001686

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) Urban Agriculture Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$25,000 from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation to the Office of Environment and Sustainability's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 for the purpose of providing resources to support the City's Urban Agriculture Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$25,000 from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation to the Office of Environment and Sustainability's General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 for the purpose of providing resources to support the City's Urban Agriculture Program. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

The Greater Cincinnati Foundation grant requires no local match or FTEs.

The Office of Environment and Sustainability has already applied for the grant but will not accept any funds without the approval of the City Council.

The Urban Agriculture Program supports the goals to have "100% of residents have convenient access to healthy, affordable foods" and "Triple acreage of urban food production," as described on pages 126-130 of the Green Cincinnati Plan (2018).

This Emergency Ordinance is also in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "Become a healthier Cincinnati" and strategy to "Create 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 grant resources in a timely manner so the Urban Agriculture Program can continue to provide essential food services.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigam, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

