


December 11, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 

202402501

Subject: **Ordinance – OES: Ohio EPA Grant for Interior Recycling Bins**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$200,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s Recycling Community and Litter program to provide interior recycling bins to residents of two- to four-unit multi-family dwellings located primarily in the Rising 15 Neighborhoods.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$200,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)’s Recycling Community and Litter program to provide interior recycling bins to residents of two- to four-unit multi-family dwellings located primarily in the Rising 15 Neighborhoods.

The grant resources would enable the City to provide interior recycling bins for approximately 20,000 households. The City would prioritize offering bins to qualifying households in neighborhoods with households with an AMI of under \$50,000, which are less likely to have interior recycling bins. Interior bins help raise recycling participation, increase waste diversion from landfills, reduce litter and illegal dumping, and decrease the impact of litter on sewer and stormwater systems.

The grant requires local matching funds of 25 percent of the grant amount, which would be provided from existing resources in Wheeled Recycling Cart and Green Cincinnati Plan Sustainability Initiatives capital improvement program project accounts. No new FTEs/full time equivalents are required.

The grant application deadline was December 6, 2024, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no grant resources will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Applying for this 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 well as the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” as described on pages 181-186 and 209 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment