

May 22, 2024

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

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – 2024 ESG Entitlement Grant Award**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$989,627 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Solutions Grant (“ESG”) Program to Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 project accounts in accordance with the 2024 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule to fund projects and operating allocations for the ESG Program; **ANNOUNCING** the City’s intention to use this sum for projects and operating allocations for the ESG Program, in accordance with the 2024 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule and to file the 2024 Annual Action Plan; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to file the 2024 Annual Action Plan.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$989,627 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grant (“ESG”) Program to Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 in accordance with the 2024 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule for the purpose of funding projects and operating allocations for the Emergency Solutions Grant Program. This Emergency Ordinance also announces the City’s intention to use this sum for projects and operating allocations for the Emergency Solutions Grant Program, in accordance with the 2024 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule and to file the 2024 Annual Action Plan. Finally, approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to file the 2024 Annual Action Plan.

HUD announced the grant allocation for the ESG Program on May 7, 2024. The ESG grant is one of four HUD entitlement grants awarded to the City for Program Year 2024 that, when combined, create the 2024 Annual Action Plan, which must be submitted to HUD within sixty days of the award announcement.

Accepting and appropriating funds from the ESG Program 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 2024 Annual Action Plan sixty-day submission deadline.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachments