

October 16, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202402186

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – OES: DOE IRA Grant for Ohio High Performance Building Hub

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$10,000,000 from the United States Department of Energy Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 Assistance for the Adoption of the Latest and Zero Building Energy Codes program (ALN 81.117) to provide resources to help create the Ohio High Performance Building Hub and to assist with the implementation of building performance standards in Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Cleveland; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 25DOEIRA, “FY 2025 DOE Ohio High Performance Building Hub.”

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$10,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022 Assistance for the Adoption of the Latest and Zero Building Energy Codes program (ALN 81.117) to help create the Ohio High Performance Building Hub and implement building performance standards in Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Cleveland.

The \$10,000,000 grant is anticipated to be received over a period of five to seven years. The grant award includes four Ohio cities, including Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Cleveland, as well as the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance and Power a Clean Future Ohio as grant sub-recipients.

The City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council. The grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Creating the Ohio High Performance Building Hub to assist with the implementation of building performance standards in Cincinnati 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 accept and appropriate grant funds to create the Ohio High Performance Building Hub and implement building performance standards in Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Cleveland.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment