

January 4, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

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

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to \$25,000 from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation (“GCF”) to the Office of Environment and Sustainability (“OES”) General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 to provide resources for the City’s Urban Agriculture Program. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

OES has already applied for this grant but will not accept any funds without the approval of the City Council. The GCF grant requires no local match or new FTEs.

The Urban Agriculture Program supports the goals to “[i]ncrease local food consumption, distribution, and production by 100%,” “[e]liminate food deserts in Cincinnati and create food sovereignty in all 52 neighborhoods,” and [i]ncrease quantity of jobs in food and agriculture sectors by 20% by 2028,” as described on pages 100 – 103 and 108 – 109 of the Green Cincinnati Plan (2023).

Accepting the GCF grant to support the Urban Agriculture Program 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 grant resources in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

