

May 28, 2026

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – CMO: Seasongood Good Government Foundation Innovation Incubator Initiative Grant**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,000 from the Murray & Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation to administer the Innovation Incubator Initiative; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436x8571.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,000 from the Murray & Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation to administer the Innovation Incubator Initiative. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436x8571.

A grant of up to \$25,000 is available from the Murray & Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation to administer the Innovation Incubator Initiative, through which City employees will be able to submit ideas for innovative pilot programs within the City to improve government efficiency. Proposals will be evaluated by a panel of experts that may include City leadership, the Cincinnati Innovation team, members of the Seasongood Foundation, university representatives, and other community members. Selected proposals may be awarded between \$5,000 and \$10,000 from the grant to fund pilot programs within the City, with support from the Cincinnati Innovation Team, to launch and measure their success.

The grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

The City has already applied and been awarded the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without the approval of the City Council.

Administering the Innovation Incubator Initiative to improve government efficiency is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” as described on pages 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the grant funds in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director  
Steve Webb, Finance Director



Attachment