

February 10, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202100638

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CV3 Stimulus Grant Award**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the acceptance and appropriation of the sum of \$2,225,293 received pursuant to an additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, to Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 in accordance with the attached appropriation schedule; and **ANNOUNCING** the City’s intention to use said funds for various projects in the City’s Calendar Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program as part of the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan and 2019 Annual Action Plan Amendment, in accordance with the attached appropriation schedule, but subject to reallocation at the City Manager’s discretion in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the acceptance and appropriation of the sum of \$2,225,293 received pursuant to an additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, to Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule. Approval of the Emergency Ordinance will announce the City’s intention to use said sum for various projects in the City’s Calendar Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan and 2019 Annual Action Plan Amendment, in accordance with the attached appropriation schedule, but subject to reallocation at the City Manager’s discretion in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

HUD announced an initial grant allocation for the 2020 CDBG program (CFDA 14.218) via Award B-20-MC-39-0003 on February 14, 2020.

HUD received an additional federal appropriation through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for use in funding additional CDBG grants to entitlement grantees in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through CDBG-CV3 (CDBG CARES Act Third Round), the City received \$2,225,293 on September 11, 2020 via Award B-20-MC-39-0003.

The CDBG program is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “support and stabilize our neighborhoods” as described on page 160 of Plan Cincinnati and the “Compete” goal to “be the pivotal economic force in the region” as described on page 101 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide funding for vital City programs funding during calendar year 2021 and to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

