

April 12, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202301094

Subject: Ordinance – OES: Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Grant Application

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of up to \$1,000,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency through the Environmental Justice Government-to-Government grant program (ALN 66.312) for the purpose of creating two Resilience Hubs at existing facilities in priority communities within the City of Cincinnati.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$1,000,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) through the Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) grant program for the purpose of creating two Resilience Hubs at existing facilities in priority communities within the City of Cincinnati.

Resilience Hubs are community-serving facilities utilizing a trusted physical space, such as a community center, that serve as a point of social cohesion to address climate vulnerabilities by providing a central gathering point, uninterrupted renewable energy supply, backup storage, information, resources, emergency preparedness, and post-disruption recovery. Two Resilience Hubs will be created in priority communities, which are anticipated to include the Lower Price Hill and Avondale neighborhoods.

No matching funds or new FTEs are required for this grant.

To meet the grant application deadline of April 14, 2023, the grant application will be submitted prior to receiving City Council authorization. However, grant resources will not be accepted without City Council approval.

Applying for the EJG2G grant is also in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “become a healthier Cincinnati,” and strategy to “create a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption,” and the “Collaborate” goal to “work in synergy with the Cincinnati Community,” as described on pages 181-186 and page 209 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment