

August 1, 2022

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202201607
From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Health: Interact for Health Grant to Reduce Youth Vaping**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from Interact for Health for the purpose of reducing youth vaping among Walnut Hills and Western Hills students as an alternative to suspension and cessation; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund 350x8571.

This Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept and appropriate a one-time grant in the amount of \$50,000 from Interact for Health for the purpose of reducing youth vaping among Walnut Hills and Western Hills students as an alternative to suspension and cessation. This Emergency Ordinance would also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund 350x8571.

Grant objectives include providing INDEPTH facilitator training to school staff, holding two school-wide assemblies to engage students in tobacco prevention and cessation efforts, and to implement the INDEPTH program at both locations.

No new FTEs are associated with the grant, and the grant resources do not require matching local funds. The Cincinnati Health Department applied for this grant on March 29, 2022, and was notified of the grant award on April 27, 2022, but will not accept any funds without approval of the City Council.

This ordinance is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on page 181 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant to begin the tobacco cessation programming requirements for the new school year.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment