

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of \$150,000 from the Talent for Tomorrow Digital Equity Challenge through the United States Conference of Mayors in collaboration with Comcast’s Project UP to establish a paid cooperative program for information technology (IT) positions within the City’s Enterprise Technology Solutions (ETS) and Office of Performance and Data Analytics (OPDA); and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Citizens Jobs Fund revenue account no. 308x8571.

WHEREAS, a grant of \$150,000 is available from the Talent for Tomorrow Digital Equity Challenge through the United States Conference of Mayors in collaboration with Comcast’s Project UP to support the launch and expansion of local workforce and career readiness programs, close the skills and opportunity gap, advance economic mobility, and lay the foundation for generational wealth in under-resourced communities through digital access and skills training; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to utilize the grant resources to pay for two to three paid temporary cooperative/intern positions within the City; and

WHEREAS, this cooperative program will be facilitated in partnership with the University of Cincinnati, and grant resources may be utilized to cover the costs of an information technology (IT) certificate from a University of Cincinnati online program if the program participants are hired on a full-time permanent basis before the end of the three-year program; and

WHEREAS, cooperative program participants interested in working with the City on a full-time permanent basis would need to apply for job openings to fill existing vacancies; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant requires no matching funds, and no new permanent FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with acceptance of this grant, however, the grant funds will be used to establish two to three paid temporary cooperative/intern positions within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City already applied for the grant on March 5, 2024, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the Talent for Tomorrow Digital Equity Challenge grant 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); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of \$150,000 from the Talent for Tomorrow Digital Equity Challenge through the United States Conference of Mayors in collaboration with Comcast's Project UP to establish a paid cooperative program for information technology (IT) positions within the City's Enterprise Technology Solutions (ETS) and Office of Performance and Data Analytics (OPDA).

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Citizens Jobs Fund revenue account no. 308x8571.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk