

## EMERGENCY

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-2026

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant (ALN 66.920) of \$4,999,557 to fund the replacement of the City’s recycling cart fleet; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 26SWIFR1, “FY 2026 EPA SWIFR Grant.”

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2024, Council passed Ordinance No. 421-2024, authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant of up to \$5,000,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to replace the City’s aging original recycling cart fleet; and

WHEREAS, the City submitted the grant application on December 20, 2024, and has received notice from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that it has been awarded \$4,999,557; and

WHEREAS, the City’s recycling cart fleet includes approximately 80,000 carts that were originally deployed over ten years ago and are now failing at an increasing rate; and

WHEREAS, replacement of the carts will help to increase recycling participation, increase waste diversion from the landfill, reduce litter and illegal dumping, and reduce litter impact to the City’s storm sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the grant does not require matching funds, and there are no additional FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a functional recycling cart fleet is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” as described on pages 181-185 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 accept and appropriate U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant (ALN 66.920) of \$4,999,557 to fund the replacement of the City’s recycling cart fleet.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543, Office of Environment and Sustainability project account no. 26SWIFR1, “FY 2026 EPA SWIFR Grant.”

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

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and appropriate grant funds to meet established project timelines.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk