

May 22, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 

202401431

**Subject:** Emergency Ordinance – 2024 CDBG Entitlement Grant Award

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$11,172,581 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to various Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts in accordance with Section A of the attached Appropriation Schedule and in accordance with the 2024 Annual Action Plan to fund projects and operating allocations for the Community Development Block Grant Program; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of \$355,979.50 in program income in accordance with Section B of the attached Appropriation Schedule to fund the continuation of vital City programs; **AUTHORIZING** the return to source of \$436,419.35 from various Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts to the unappropriated surplus of Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 to realign available grant resources in accordance with Section C of the attached Appropriation Schedule; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of \$436,419.35 from the unappropriated surplus of Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 to realign resources with program needs in accordance with Section D of the attached Appropriation Schedule; **ANNOUNCING** the City's intention to use this sum for projects and operating allocations for the Community Development Block Grant Program according to Section A of the 2024 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule and to file the 2024 Annual Action Plan; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to file the 2024 Annual Action Plan.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$11,172,581 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to various Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts in accordance with Section A of the attached Appropriation Schedule and in accordance with the 2024 Annual Action Plan to fund projects and operating allocations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the appropriation of \$355,979.50 in program income in accordance with Section B of the attached Appropriation Schedule to fund the continuation of vital City programs. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the return to source of \$436,419.35 from various Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 project accounts to the unappropriated surplus of Community

Development Block Grant Fund 304 for the purpose of realigning available grant resources in accordance with Section C of the attached Appropriation Schedule. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the appropriation of \$436,419.35 from the unappropriated surplus of Community Development Block Grant Fund 304 for the purpose of realigning resources with program needs in accordance with Section D of the attached Appropriation Schedule. Approval of this Emergency Ordinance announces the City's intention to use this sum for projects and operating allocations for the Community Development Block Grant Program according to Section A of the 2024 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule and to file the 2024 Annual Action Plan. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to file the 2024 Annual Action Plan.

HUD announced the grant allocation for the CDBG Program on May 7, 2024. The CDBG grant is one of four HUD entitlement grants awarded to the City for Program Year 2024 that, when combined, create the 2024 Annual Action Plan, which must be submitted to HUD within sixty days of the award announcement.

Accepting and appropriating funds from the CDBG Program is in accordance with the "Live" strategy to "[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods" as described on pages 160-163 and the "Compete" initiative to "[b]e the pivotal economic force in the region" as described on pages 101-102 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide funding for the continuation of vital City programs and to comply with the HUD 2024 Annual Action Plan sixty-day submission deadline.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachments