

June 21, 2021

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202102331
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – OEPA 2021 Recycle Ohio Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$50,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency 2021 Recycle Ohio Grant program to Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES) non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200 for the purpose of supporting the recycling cart relabeling project; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate local matching resources in the amount of up to \$12,500 from Rumpke Recycling to OES non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200; **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8523; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the matching resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$50,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) 2021 Recycle Ohio Grant Program to the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES) non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200 for the purpose of supporting the recycling cart relabeling project. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate local matching resources in the amount of up to \$12,500 from Rumpke Recycling to OES non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200. Approval of this Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8523 and matching resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

With OEPA and Rumpke Recycling resources, OES will begin a pilot project to replace labels on 6,400 recycling carts in a selected area of the city that is to be determined. Since the 2010 recycling cart deployment, most labels have deteriorated and are no longer useful communication tools. It is estimated that the total number of 100,000 carts need label replacement. This pilot will allow for testing on the best methodology to relabel cart lids. OES intends to test three modes of relabeling:

1. Relabeling at the curb while the carts are out to be emptied,
2. Relabeling in the recycling cart warehouse, and
3. Relabeling lids in the recycling cart warehouse and replacing lids on recycling pickup days.

This OEPA grant does not require any new FTEs. This grant requires a local match of \$12,500, which will be provided by Rumpke Recycling.

OES has already applied for the OEPA 2021 Recycle Ohio Grant but will not accept any funds without approval of the City Council.

The recycling cart relabeling pilot project is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “Become a healthier Cincinnati,” and strategy to “Create a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption,” as described on pages 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant and local matching resources in a timely manner so the pilot program can be initiated.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

