


April 9, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202500742

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – GCWW: Ohio EPA Grant for Lead Service Line Replacement at Licensed Childcare Facilities**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to assist with the cost of replacing public and private lead service lines at licensed childcare facilities in the Greater Cincinnati Water Works service area; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to receive and deposit grant funds for public lead service line replacement into Water Works Capital Permanent Improvement Fund revenue account no. 756x8527, and to receive and deposit grant funds for private lead service line replacement into Water Works Private Lead Service Line Replacement Special Revenue Fund revenue account number 312x8527.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources in the amount of up to \$500,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) for the purpose of assisting with the cost of replacing public and private lead service lines at licensed childcare facilities in the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) service area.

Childcare facilities are a high priority for lead service line replacement due to the vulnerability of children under age six to the hazardous effects of lead. GCWW identified 113 licensed childcare facilities in the service area that require either partial or full lead service line replacement including, but not limited to, the neighborhoods of Avondale, Bond Hill, Carthage, College Hill, CUF, Mt. Auburn, North Avondale, East Price Hill, West Price Hill, Westwood, Sedamsville, Spring Grove Village, South Fairmount, South Cumminsville, and the West End.

The City already applied for the grant, and the grant was awarded on February 27, 2025, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council. This grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Replacing public and private lead service lines at licensed childcare facilities in the GCWW service area 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 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the need to immediately accept grant resources and begin work to remove lead service lines to protect children from the risk of lead exposure.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director



Attachment