

December 11, 2024

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

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

202402504

**Subject: Ordinance – OES: EPA Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant Application**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant program (ALN 66.920) to replace the City's aging original recycling cart fleet.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant program (ALN 66.920) to replace the City's aging, original recycling cart fleet.

The City's recycling cart fleet includes approximately 80,000 aging, original recycling carts across all City neighborhoods. The original recycling cart fleet was obtained and deployed in 2010, with a ten-year warranty period. The original recycling carts within the fleet are out of the warranty period and failing at an increasing rate. Replacing these aging, original recycling carts will help raise recycling participation, increase waste diversion from the landfill, reduce litter and illegal dumping, and decrease the litter impact to the City's sewer system.

This grant requires no matching funds from the City, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

To meet the grant application deadline of December 20, 2024, the City may apply for the grant prior to the passage of this Ordinance, but no funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Replacing the City's aging, original 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 well as the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" as described on pages 181-185 and 209 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment