

April 12, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – 2023 CDBG Entitlement Grant Award

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$11,259,906 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 for the purpose of funding various projects and operating allocations for the Community Development Block Grant Program for Calendar Year 2023; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of \$17,983.59 in program income in accordance with Section B of the attached Appropriation Schedule for the purpose of providing funding for the continuation of vital City programs; **ANNOUNCING** the City’s intention to use said sum for various projects and operating allocations for the Community Development Block Grant Program for Calendar Year 2023 according to Section A of the attached Appropriation Schedule, and to file the 2023 Annual Action Plan; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to file the 2023 Annual Action Plan.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$11,259,906 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 for the purpose of funding various projects and operating allocations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Calendar Year 2023. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the appropriation of \$17,983.59 in program income in accordance with Section B of the attached Appropriation Schedule for the purpose of providing funding for the continuation of vital City program. Approval of this Emergency Ordinance announces the City’s intention to use said sum for various projects and operating allocations for the CDBG Grant Program for Calendar Year 2023 according to Section A of the attached Appropriation Schedule, and to file the 2023 Annual Action Plan. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to file the 2023 Annual Action Plan.

HUD announced the grant allocation for the CDBG Program on February 27, 2023. The CDBG grant is one of four HUD entitlement grants awarded to the City for Calendar Year 2023 that, when combined, create the 2023 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 2023 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



Attachment