

EMERGENCY

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- 2024

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant, effective FY 2025, of up to \$67,041 from the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program (ALN 21.027) to install public Wi-Fi infrastructure at various service locations operated by the Cincinnati Health Department; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

WHEREAS, United Way of Greater Cincinnati is administering Hamilton County American Rescue Plan/State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds via the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program; and

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$67,041 is available from the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program to install Public Wi-Fi (defined below) at six City of Cincinnati Primary Care (“CCPC”) locations and ten Women, Infants, and Children (“WIC”) locations, all of which are operated by the Cincinnati Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the grant defines “Public Wi-Fi” as Wi-Fi networks that are provided for use to anyone who can access them from a wireless device but are password protected or have other secure authentication protocols established and managed by the City; and

WHEREAS, broadband infrastructure such as Public Wi-Fi has been shown to be critical for work, education, health care, and civic participation, and installation of broadband infrastructure in these CCPC and WIC locations will expand the public’s access to broadband internet service; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant requires no matching funds, and no new FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with acceptance of this grant; and

WHEREAS, the City already applied for the grant and received notice of award on May 10, 2024, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, the installation of public Wi-Fi infrastructure at CCPC and WIC locations is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 181-192 of Plan Cincinnati; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant, effective FY 2025, of up to \$67,041 from the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program (ALN 21.027) to install public Wi-Fi infrastructure at various service locations operated by the Cincinnati Health Department.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8556.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the grant resources in a timely manner.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk