

January 29, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DCED: Shillito's West Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251624, "Shillito's West Remediation – ODO Grant," to provide additional asbestos abatement to real property located at 137 W. Seventh Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,063,080 from the Ohio Department of Development through the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation and the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251624, "Shillito's West Remediation – ODO Grant," to provide additional asbestos abatement to real property located at 137 W. Seventh Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$1,063,080 from the Ohio Department of Development (ODO) through the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251624, "Shillito's West Remediation – ODO Grant" for additional asbestos abatement to real property located at 137 W. Seventh Street in the Central Business District of Cincinnati.

Shillito's West is a City-owned property at 137 W. Seventh Street that previously received ODO grant funding for asbestos remediation, which was completed in 2023. A recent inspection of the property found additional asbestos-containing material in the thermal system insulation pipe, floor tile and mastic, ceiling panels, and other areas, necessitating additional efforts to abate the remaining asbestos. As a local match, \$354,393 will be used from existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x231610, "Commercial & Industrial Public Improvements."

Securing grant funding for the Shillito's West asbestos remediation project is in accordance with the "Compete" goal to "[f]oster a climate conducive to growth, investment, stability, and opportunity" as described on page 103 of Plan Cincinnati. (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to meet established grant deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

