

June 3, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – 2026 HOPWA Entitlement Grant Award

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of \$2,043,145 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (“HOPWA”) Grant Program (ALN 14.241) into Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Fund 465 according to the attached Appropriation Schedule to provide funding to projects and operating allocations for the HOPWA Grant Program; **ANNOUNCING** the City’s intent to use said sum for projects and operating allocations for the HOPWA Grant Program according to the 2026 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule, and to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of \$2,043,145 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Program (ALN 14.241) into Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Fund 465 according to the attached Appropriation Schedule to provide funding to projects and operating allocations for the HOPWA Grant Program. The Emergency Ordinance further announces the City’s intent to use said sum for projects and operating allocations for the HOPWA Grant Program, according to the 2026 Annual Action Plan and the attached Appropriation Schedule, and to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to file the 2026 Annual Action Plan.

HUD announced the grant allocation for the HOPWA Program on April 6, 2026. The HOPWA grant is one of four HUD entitlement grants awarded to the City for Program Year 2026 that, when combined, create the 2026 Annual Action Plan, which must be submitted to HUD within sixty days of the award announcement.

Providing low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS with housing options through the HOPWA Grant Program is in accordance with the “Live” strategy to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods” as described on pages 160-162 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 2026 Annual Action Plan sixty-day submission deadline.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachments