

April 12, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202301136
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – 2023 ESG Entitlement Grant Award**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$1,000,140 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to Emergency Shelter Grant Fund 445 in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule; and **ANNOUNCING** the City’s intention to use the funds for various projects and operating allocations for the Emergency Solutions Grant Program for Calendar Year 2023, in accordance with 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 \$1,000,140 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to Emergency Shelter Fund 455 in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule. This Emergency Ordinance also announces the City’s intention to use the funds for various projects and operating allocations for the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) for Calendar Year 2023, in accordance with the attached Appropriation Schedule, and to file the 2023 Annual Action Plan. Finally, approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to file the 2023 Annual Action Plan.

HUD announced the grant allocation for the ESG Program on February 27, 2023. The ESG 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 ESG Program is in accordance with the “Live” strategy to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods” as described on pages 160-163 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