

EMERGENCY

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- 2026

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to execute a funding agreement with Groundwork Ohio River Valley to provide one-time operational funding for Green Cincinnati Plan climate resilience programming in Cincinnati; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to expend up to \$50,000 of existing resources from Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7400 to provide one-time operational funding to Groundwork Ohio River Valley for Green Cincinnati Plan climate resilience programming in Cincinnati; and **DECLARING** such expenditure to serve a public purpose by supporting Green Cincinnati Plan implementation in Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Groundwork Ohio River Valley is a non-profit organization in Greater Cincinnati that aims to sustainably regenerate, improve, and manage the environment through community partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Groundwork Ohio River Valley will use these resources to provide the City with climate resilience programming, including the following projects: the West End Resilience Hub, Climate Advisory Group Re-Convening, Green Infrastructure Storymap, and Climate Safe Neighborhoods Lite; and

WHEREAS, providing one-time operational funding to Groundwork Ohio River Valley for climate resilience programming will support the City's implementation of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan's "Community Planning and Social Cohesion" goal to "[c]omplete five climate adaptation and resilience projects per year" and strategy to "[u]se more community-based assessments, planning, programs, and training to reduce the social impacts of climate vulnerabilities" as described on pages 142-144 of the Green Cincinnati Plan (2023); and

WHEREAS, providing one-time operational funding to Groundwork Ohio River Valley to provide climate resilience programming is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati" as described on page 181 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); 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 execute a funding agreement with Groundwork Ohio River Valley to provide one-time operational funding for Green Cincinnati Plan climate resilience programming in Cincinnati.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to expend up to \$50,000 of existing resources from Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating

budget account no. 050x104x7400 to provide one-time operational funding to Groundwork Ohio River Valley for Green Cincinnati Plan climate resilience programming in Cincinnati.

Section 3. That providing one-time operational funding to Groundwork Ohio River Valley to provide climate resilience programming is declared to serve a public purpose by supporting Green Cincinnati Plan implementation in Cincinnati.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Sections 1 through 3.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the 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 execute a funding agreement with Groundwork Ohio River Valley before the end of Fiscal Year 2026.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk