

June 10, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202601947

Subject: **Ordinance – Health: Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Creating Healthy Communities Grant**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$80,000 from the State of Ohio Department of Health Creating Healthy Communities program to reimburse the City for personnel and non-personnel expenses related to its Healthy Communities Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$80,000 from the State of Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) program to reimburse the City for personnel and non-personnel expenses related to its Healthy Communities Program. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

The City's Healthy Communities Program, administered by the Cincinnati Health Department (CHD), works to advance health equity and improve the well-being of residents by promoting healthy behaviors, supporting access to nutritious food, encouraging physical activity, reducing tobacco use, and addressing health disparities through education, policy initiatives, and partnerships that foster sustainable, community-driven solutions.

If awarded, CHD will utilize the grant resources to develop a traffic garden at Westwood School, establish a community garden and pantry in Winton Hills, and build a playground in Carthage.

The City applied for the CHC grant on May 1, 2026, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant, and no local match is required.

Accepting the CHC grant is in accordance with the Sustain goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 181-191 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

