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An Ordinance No. 157

- 2026

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,000 from the Murray & Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation to administer the Innovation Incubator Initiative; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436x8571.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$25,000 is available from the Murray & Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation to administer the Innovation Incubator Initiative, through which City employees will be able to submit ideas for innovative pilot programs within the City to improve government efficiency; and

WHEREAS, proposals will be evaluated by a panel of experts that may include City leadership, the Cincinnati Innovation Team, members of the Murray & Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation, university representatives, and other community members; and

WHEREAS, selected proposals may be awarded between \$5,000 and \$10,000 from the grant to fund pilot programs within the City, with support from the Cincinnati Innovation Team, to launch and measure their success; and

WHEREAS, the grant does not require a local match, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the City has already applied and been awarded the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without the approval of Council; and

WHEREAS, administering the Innovation Incubator Initiative to improve government efficiency is in accordance with the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" as described on pages 209-211 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 apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,000 from the Murray & Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation to administer the Innovation Incubator Initiative.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436x8571.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of 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 accept the grant funds in a timely manner.

Passed: June 3, 2026

Ja. Michelle Lenn/Kearney
Vice Mayor

Attest: City/Clerk
Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ORDINANCE NO 151-2024
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE CITY BULLETIN
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER ON 6/14/2024
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