

August 5, 2024

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager *WU*

202401840

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – OES: Fuse Corps Partnership Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of in-kind services from Fuse Corps valued at up to \$375,000 to provide up to three full-time fellows to carry out key portions of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of in-kind services valued at up to \$375,000 from Fuse Corps for up to three full-time fellows to carry out key portions of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan.

The grant requires matching resources of up to \$25,000 per fellow, totaling up to \$75,000, which will be covered by resources from the FY 2025 Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant as all positions will be contracted by Fuse Corps for the benefit of the City.

The City has already applied for the grant, but in-kind services will not be accepted without City Council approval.

The establishment of a grant partnership between Fuse Corps and the City is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[p]rovide a full spectrum of housing options, and improve housing quality and affordability” as well as the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” as described on pages 164 and 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to complete the grant agreement with Fuse Corps by the August 31, 2024 deadline.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment