January 24, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: **Ordinance – OES: FEMA Building Resilience in Communities Direct Technical Assistance Grant**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

> **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Building Resilience in Communities Direct Technical Assistance grant program (ALN 97.047) to provide technical assistance on project plans focused on building resilience in communities facing severe storms, landslides, and stormwater challenges.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Resilience in Communities Direct Technical Assistance grant program (ALN 97.047) to provide technical assistance on project plans focused on building resilience in communities facing severe storms, landslides, and stormwater challenges.

The City intends to utilize the grant to target environmentally vulnerable neighborhoods including East Price Hill, Lower Price Hill, Queensgate, North Fairmount, South Fairmount, Camp Washington, English Woods, Millvale, South Cumminsville, Northside, and Spring Grove Village.

This grant does not require matching resources or new FTEs/full time equivalents.

The grant deadline is February 29, 2024, and the City intends to apply for the grant potentially before the effective date of this ordinance. However, no grant resources will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Building resilience in Cincinnati neighborhoods is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati" and strategy to "[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption" as well as the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" as described on pages 181-186 and 208-209 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment