

December 6, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – OES: Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$500,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant (ALN 66.818) through the EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436, revenue account no. 436x8543.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$500,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant (ALN 66.818) through the EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Program. This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Environment and Sustainability Fund 436, revenue account no. 436x8543.

This grant will provide resources for brownfield inventories, environmental assessments, community engagement plans, remedial action plans, and reuse and revitalization plans in environmentally vulnerable neighborhoods. The City neighborhoods targeted for this grant are in the Lower Mill Creek Industrial Corridor, including Northside, South Cumminsville, Millvale, North Fairmount, South Fairmount, Lower Price Hill, Camp Washington, and Queensgate.

On October 26, 2022, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0333-2022, which authorized the City Manager to apply for this grant. The City received the grant award, and City Council approval is required to accept grant resources. This grant does not require matching funds or new FTEs/full time equivalents.

Acceptance of the EPA Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant 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 209, respectively, of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment