

September 2, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – America’s Healthy Food Financing Initiative Targeted Small Grants Program**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$200,000 from the America’s Healthy Food Financing Initiative Targeted Small Grants program, for the purpose of improving access to healthy foods in underserved areas, creating and preserving quality jobs, and revitalizing low-income communities.

This Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$200,000 from the America’s Healthy Food Financing Initiative Targeted Small Grants program. Funding from the program will assist the Cincinnati Health Department’s Healthy Corner Store program to expand staple and perishable food availability, allow for consistent neighborhood presence as opposed to weekly farmers’ markets, increase household purchasing opportunities and consumption of healthy foods, and ultimately reduce the incident of food insecurity and chronic disease within vulnerable communities particularly in Avondale and Walnut Hills.

No additional FTE are associated with this grant, and matching funds are not required.

This Ordinance would also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund 350.

This Ordinance is in accordance with the Sustain goal to “Become a healthier Cincinnati” as described on page 181 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

