

November 6, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202402336  
**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – OES: FHWA Grant for EV Infrastructure**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x251056, “Public Access EV Charging Ports – Grant,” to provide grant resources for public-facing electric vehicle charging infrastructure at City-owned properties that are in or adjacent to disadvantaged communities; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$854,547 from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (ALN 20.205) to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x251056, “Public Access EV Charging Ports – Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x251056, “Public Access EV Charging Ports – Grant.”

This Emergency Ordinance establishes capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x251056, “Public Access EV Charging Ports – Grant,” to provide grant resources for public-facing electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure at City-owned properties that are in or adjacent to disadvantaged communities. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$854,547 from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program to the newly established capital improvement program project account.

The EV Grant does not require matching funds from the City, but the private entity contracted by the City to complete the EV Grant projects is required to provide a 20 percent match. No new FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with acceptance of the EV grant. Grant resources may be used to support a contracted position.

The installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure 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 described on pages 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant resources to meet established grant deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment