

March 8, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202300758
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Health: Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$50,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s Water Pollution Control Loan Fund for the purpose of providing financial aid to Cincinnati homeowners with defective household sewage treatment systems; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$50,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s (OEPA) Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) to help provide financial assistance to Cincinnati homeowners with defective household sewage treatment systems. This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund revenue account no. 350x8536.

There are no new FTEs associated with this grant and no local match is required.

The Cincinnati Health Department applied for the grant on August 31, 2022, and was notified of the status of receiving the award on January 30, 2023, but funding will not be accepted without authorization from the City Council.

Acceptance of the OEPA WPCLF grant is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 181-192 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide funding to assist Cincinnati homeowners with expenses associated with defective household sewage treatment systems that can lead to public health issues.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment