

May 22, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202401428

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – OES: EPA STAR Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Drivers and Environmental Impacts of Energy Transition in Underserved Communities Grant of up to \$47,288 from Green Umbrella awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science to Achieve Results program (ALN 66.509) to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to complete the “Evaluating the Environmental, Behavioral, and Financial Benefits of Electrification and Energy Efficiency for Underserved Communities” grant project; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Environment and Sustainability Fund revenue account no. 436x8543.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a Drivers and Environmental Impacts of Energy Transition in Underserved Communities Grant of up to \$47,288 from Green Umbrella awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program (ALN 66.509) to Environment and Sustainability Fund 436 to complete the “Evaluating the Environmental, Behavioral, and Financial Benefits of Electrification and Energy Efficiency for Underserved Communities” grant project. The grant project will investigate how electrifying and weatherizing homes reduces energy usage and provides energy security, ameliorates indoor air quality of residential dwellings, improves productivity and comfort of occupants, and identifies barriers to electrification and weatherization in low-income homes.

Green Umbrella applied for the grant and selected the City as a sub-awardee. No grant funds will be accepted without City Council approval. The grant does not require matching funds or new FTEs/full time equivalents.

The grant project, “Evaluating the Environmental, Behavioral, and Financial Benefits of Electrification and Energy Efficiency for Underserved Communities,” 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” and the “Live” goal to “[p]rovide a full spectrum of housing options, and improving housing quality and affordability” as described on pages 164 and as described on pages 181 – 186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and appropriate grant funds to meet established project timelines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment