

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of up to \$500,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant (ALN 66.818), through the Environmental Protection Agency’s Brownfields Assessment Grant Program.

WHEREAS, the Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant (ALN 66.818) is available from the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (“EPA”) Brownfields Assessment Grant Program in an amount up to \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the application deadline for the grant is November 22, 2022, and the Office of Environment and Sustainability may have applied for the grant prior to receiving approval from City Council, but no resources will be accepted without Council’s approval; and

WHEREAS, no matching funds or new FTEs are required for acceptance of the grant; and

WHEREAS, applying for 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,” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community,” as described on pages 181-186 and 209 of *Plan Cincinnati* (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for a grant in the amount of up to \$500,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant (ALN 66.818), through the Environmental Protection Agency’s Brownfields Assessment Grant Program.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk