

EMERGENCY

MSS

- 2024

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$300,000 from the Ohio Public Works Commission Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program to provide resources for the Mt. Adams Greenspace Land Acquisition Project.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$300,000 is available from the Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program to provide resources for the preservation and restoration of open spaces; and

WHEREAS, the grant resources would allow the City to fund the Mt. Adams Greenspace Land Acquisition Project, which would preserve approximately one third of an acre of green space at the corner of Parkside Place and Martin Drive in the Mt. Adams neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the grant would require the City to provide local matching funds of 25 percent of the project cost, up to approximately \$75,000, which the City anticipates will be provided through non-City funding sources, including donations from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the OPWC Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program grant deadline is September 20, 2024, and the City intends to apply for the grant prior to the effective date of this ordinance, but no grant funds will be accepted without further approval by Council, which will only be sought if matching funds are available; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, applying for grant resources for the Mt. Adams Greenspace Land Acquisition Project is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and strategy to “[p]rotect our natural resources” as described on pages 193-196 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 authorized to apply for a grant of up to \$300,000 from the Ohio Public Works Commission Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program to provide resources for the Mt. Adams Greenspace Land Acquisition Project.

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

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to comply with grant application deadline.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk