

January 6, 2025

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager



Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – OES: Green Project Budget Realignment**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x251061, “Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives,” to provide resources to implement capital improvements that advance the goals of the City’s 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return of \$250,000 to source Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 from permanent improvement program project account no. 758x104x251060, “Green Project Workforce Development – GFCO,” to realign sources with uses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x251061, “Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives,” to realign sources with uses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x251029, “Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives – GF,” to realign sources with uses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200 to provide resources for Green Project Workforce Development as described below; **AUTHORIZING** the expenditure of \$1,000,000 from permanent improvement program project account no. 758x104x251058, “Green Project Home Repairs – GFCO,” to provide local matching resources to support the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority in its application for Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funding to support housing stability; **AUTHORIZING** the expenditure of \$500,000 from permanent improvement program project account no. 758x104x251059, “Green Project Green Bank – GFCO,” for the Cincinnati Development Fund to support the establishment and formalization of a Cincinnati green bank to compete for funding awarded through the Environmental Protection Agency Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund; **AUTHORIZING** the expenditure of \$250,000 from Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200 for Green Umbrella to support a coalition of organizations working to cultivate workforce development training programs in support of green bank programs; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the administration of these resources.

On November 6, 2024, the City Council passed the FY 2024 Closeout Ordinance, Ordinance No. 0371-2024, which established and appropriated resources to the “Green Project Home Repairs – GFCO,” “Green Project Green Bank – GFCO,” and “Green Project Workforce Development – GFCO” permanent improvement program project accounts. Expenditures for green project workforce development are not eligible uses of permanent improvement program project account resources. Resources must be realigned with uses, and resources for green bank workforce development must be appropriated in the operating budget.

This Emergency Ordinance establishes a new capital improvement program project account and authorizes various transfers and appropriations to realign budget sources to be expended for the intended uses expressed in the FY 2024 Closeout Ordinance.

This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the following:

1. The expenditure of \$1,000,000 from permanent improvement program project account no. 758x104x251058, “Green Project Home Repairs – GFCO,” to provide local matching resources to support the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority in its application for Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funding to support housing stability;
2. The expenditure of \$500,000 from permanent improvement program project account no. 758x104x251059, “Green Project Green Bank – GFCO,” for the Cincinnati Development Fund to support the establishment and formalization of a Cincinnati green bank to compete for funding awarded through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund;
3. The expenditure of \$250,000 from Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200 for Green Umbrella to support a coalition of organizations working to cultivate workforce development training programs in support of green bank programs; and
4. The City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the administration of these resources.

Implementing green development, home repairs, and workforce training programs and projects in support of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan 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 realign sources with uses to provide resources for projects necessary to achieve the goals of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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Attachment

