

EMERGENCY

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- 2025

ESTABLISHING new project account no. 304x101x40424001, “PRO Housing 2024,” to expand affordable housing and incentivize the development of vacant lots through construction subsidies and prototypes for middle housing types; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$2,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (ALN 14.023) program to newly established project account no. 304x101x40424001, “PRO Housing 2024”; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Community Development Block Grant Fund 304x8543 project account no. 304x101x40424001, “PRO Housing 2024.”

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (“PRO Housing”) (ALN 14.023) program provides competitive grant funding to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation; and

WHEREAS, HUD issued the Notice of Funding Opportunity under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42, enacted March 9, 2024) which appropriated \$100,000,000 for competitive grant funding for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress directed HUD to undertake a competition using the Community Development Block Grant statutory and regulatory framework; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline was October 15, 2024, and the City has already applied for the grant and was notified of the grant award in January 2025, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant requires matching resources of up to \$840,000, the source of which will be identified at a later date; and

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

WHEREAS, expanding affordable housing and incentivizing the development of vacant lots is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” and strategy to “[s]upport and stabilize our neighborhoods” as described on pages 156-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That new project account no. 304x101x40424001, “PRO Housing 2024,” is established to expand affordable housing and incentivize the development of vacant lots through construction subsidies and prototypes for middle housing types.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$2,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (ALN 14.023) program to newly established project account no. 304x101x40424001, “PRO Housing 2024.”

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Community Development Block Grant Fund 304x8543 project account no. 304x101x40424001, “PRO Housing 2024.”

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to take all necessary actions to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 through 3.

Section 5. 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 accept and appropriate grant resources by applicable deadlines.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk