

October 5, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager *SL*

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – OES: Accept and Appropriate EPA Grant for Electrify Cincy Education Program

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$35,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 (ALN 66.034) to the Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200 for the purpose of designing and implementing the Electrify Cincy Education Program, a resident and technical expert training that supports residential electrification efforts, including weatherization, reduced energy consumption, and renewable energy upgrades; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8543.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$35,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 (ALN 66.034) to the Office of Environment and Sustainability General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x104x7200 for the purpose of designing and implementing the Electrify Cincy Education Program, a resident and technical expert training in support of residential electrification efforts, including weatherization, reduced energy consumption, and renewable energy upgrades. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8543.

On June 8, 2022, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0145-2022, which authorized the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of up to \$25,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, to provide resources for the design and implementation of the Electrify Cincy Education Program. The City was awarded the sum of \$35,000 for the Electrify Cincy Education Program. City Council approval is necessary to accept the grant resources. No additional FTEs or matching resources are required to accept this grant.

The Electrify Cincy Education Program is in accordance with the goal to reduce carbon emissions by 80% by 2050 by “[t]arget[ing] multi-family properties for energy efficiency improvements,” as described on page 61, and “[e]xpand[ing] programs to

increase energy efficiency... for the private market,” as described on page 106 of the Green Cincinnati Plan (2018).

The Electrify Cincy Education Program is also 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), as well as the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati Community,” as described on page 209 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and appropriate grant resources to begin designing and implementing the Electrify Cincy Education Program.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment