

**October 21, 2020**

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202001993

**From:** Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – COVID-19 Care Resource Coordination Support Grant**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Care Resource Coordination Support Grant (RC 21) in the amount of \$275,583 from the Ohio Department of Health, to support vulnerable populations facing social and economic instability related to COVID-19 testing and diagnosis that results in isolation and quarantine.

This Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$275,583 from the Ohio Department of Health. The purpose of the funding is to provide support for vulnerable populations who face social and economic instability related to COVID-19 testing and diagnosis, including isolation and quarantine. The funding will allow the Cincinnati Health Department to expand COVID-19 testing efforts at locations that have been reported as frequent gathering spots, distribute protective supplies/preparedness kits and subsidies for financial relief to vulnerable communities.

No additional FTE are associated with this grant, and matching funds are not required.

This Emergency Ordinance would also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Public Health Research Fund 350.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the Sustain goal to "Become a healthier Cincinnati" as described on page 181 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to receive grant funds to cover expenses related to the prevention and control of COVID-19 cases.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager  
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

