

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 19-46 AC CMS

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE SUSTAINABLE RESERVE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 18-69 AC CMS, Council established a Sustainable Reserve Fund and directed that all monies deposited therein shall be utilized to further the City of Oberlin's progress towards the goal of becoming a climate positive community by 2050 as outlined in the City of Oberlin's Climate Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the achievement of the goal outlined in the City of Oberlin's Climate Action Plan will be of benefit to the entire Oberlin community and its inhabitants; and,

WHEREAS, Council desires to establish guidelines for expenditures from the Sustainable Reserve Fund to assure that such expenditures are consistent with the strategies contained in the City's Climate Action Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, five-sevenths (5/7ths) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: That Council hereby finds and determines that the achievement of the goal of becoming a climate positive community by 2050 as outlined in the City of Oberlin's Climate Action Plan will be of benefit to the entire Oberlin community and that the expenditure of funds to further the City's progress towards that goal is for a proper municipal public purpose.

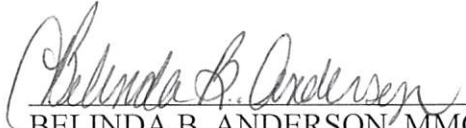
SECTION 2: That to assure that expenditures from the Sustainable Reserve Fund are consistent with the strategies contained in the City's Climate Action Plan, Council does hereby adopt guidelines for such expenditures as are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 3: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, or to provide for the usual daily operation of a municipal department to wit: to assure that expenditures from the Sustainable Reserve Fund are consistent with the purpose for which said fund was established so as to facilitate progress towards the goal of becoming a climate positive community by 2050 as outlined in the City of Oberlin's Climate Action Plan without delay and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED: 1st Reading: July 1, 2019
2nd Reading: August 19, 2019
3rd Reading: September 3, 2019 (P); September 16, 2019 (A)(E)

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL



BRYAN BURGESS
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 09/17/2019

EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/16/2019

Exhibit A
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Sustainable Reserve Fund

Services, Programs and Project Funding Request Guidelines for all non-City of Oberlin entities

Purpose

To provide funding for services, programs or projects demonstrating energy efficiency, energy conservation, green-house gas emission reductions and/or development of renewable generation resources as referenced in the Climate Action Plan (CAP) adopted by the City of Oberlin. Requests for funding must demonstrate a furtherance of progress toward the City's goal of being a climate positive community by 2050 through services/programs or projects that are consistent with the strategies contained in the Climate Action Plan and support the Oberlin community's goals of social equity.

Requirements

- Services/Programs/Projects must balance the environmental, social and economic interests of the community.
- Services/Programs/Projects shall address goals in at least one of the CAP focus areas:
 - (1) Renewable Energy Generation;
 - (2) Energy Efficiency and Conservation;
 - (3) Waste Management;
 - (4) Education and Outreach;
 - (5) High Performance Buildings;
 - (6) Land Use, Local Food and Agriculture;
 - (7) Water Use;
 - (8) Resilience to Climate Change;
 - (9) Transportation.

Administration

Administration and oversight of the Sustainable Reserve Fund shall be under the direction of the City Manager or his/her designee.

General Guidelines

Requests for funding shall include the following information:

1. A general description of the service, program or project including how the request meets program requirements;
2. A timeline of activities, overall budget for the work and monitoring and evaluation plan;
3. Demonstration of capacity to execute proposed project;
4. Amount of funds requested from the Sustainable Reserve Fund for the service, program or project.
5. Availability and source of any matching funds.

6. List any business or financial arrangement required with any other entity or individual to fulfill the request.
7. Details regarding carbon reduction components, energy efficiencies and payback calculations.

Review/Approval Process

The City Manager or his/her designee will review the request to assure it meets program requirements. Requests for funding that exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) will require the approval of City Council by ordinance.

Funding

Annual appropriation of funds shall follow the budgetary approval process. Requests for funding will be considered based on availability of funds and budgeted appropriations with eligibility limited to once in a five year period. The availability of funds does not guarantee that funding will be awarded by the City. The City of Oberlin has full discretion in the award of funding from the Sustainable Reserve Fund.