

ORD. 246-22

Authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of \$900,000 from the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for the Englewood Code Compliance Pilot Program; authorizing the Mayor to accept bids, award contracts and enter into necessary agreements for said program; and declaring an emergency.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

This Ordinance authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of \$900,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds for projects and costs associated with the Englewood Code Compliance Pilot Program (ECCP). In January 2021 the Center for Community Progress completed a technical assistance report – *A More Strategic, Equitable Approach to Housing and Building Code Enforcement in Toledo, Ohio* (“Code Enforcement Assessment”). A major finding of the Code Enforcement Assessment is that property maintenance challenges are largely due to pervasive poverty and an aging housing stock, requiring a more equitable code enforcement approach that recognizes that different strategies are needed for different types of owners, properties, and housing markets. The ECCP will move to address this finding, by piloting a non-legal code compliance path through funding and housing rehabilitation management for homeowners in Englewood Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs), with household incomes at or below 50 percent of the area median. The ECCP will target approximately 90 residential properties, displaying repair needs that are current code violations. The ECCP will leverage or support the blight removal and new rental housing investments planned for the Driggs Dairy site. Upon completion, lessons learned from the ECCP will be replicated in other target neighborhoods.

The Department of Housing and Community Development will provide marketing, application intake, income eligibility approval, construction management and outcomes reporting for the ECCP. To facilitate timely disbursement and completion of ECCP housing rehabilitation, ECCP funding will be escrowed with up title companies, selected through a RFQ. NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the appropriation of \$900,000 is authorized from the unappropriated balance of the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to Account Code 2021-16100-5ENGLECCPPNEI and the expenditure of same is authorized for the Englewood Code Compliance Pilot Program.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor is authorized to accept bids, award contracts and enter into necessary agreements for the Englewood Code Compliance Pilot Program, including administration, construction, and title company escrow services and upon terms and conditions acceptable to the Director of Law and the Director of Housing and Community Development.

SECTION 3. That the Finance Director is authorized to draw warrant or warrants against the Account Code in Section 1 in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 in payment of the above-authorized obligations authorized upon presentation of the proper voucher or vouchers.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance, being an emergency measure, shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that the Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and

property, and for the further reason that this Ordinance must be immediately effective in order to timely begin this revitalization work in the Englewood neighborhood.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas 12, nays 0.

Passed: May 24, 2022, as an emergency measure: yeas 12, nays 0.

Attest:

Julie A. Gibbons

Assistant Clerk of Council

Theresa K. Morris

President Pro Tem

Approved:

May 24, 2022

Wade Kapszukiewicz

Mayor