

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

ORDINANCE No. 20-53 AC CMS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE PARADOX PRIZE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR CY 2021 WITH THE FUND FOR OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE, INC AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE

WHEREAS, the Fund for Our Economic Future's ("Fund") Paradox Prize Selection Committee approved a one-time, twelve-month grant of up-to \$100,000, to the City of Oberlin in response to Oberlin's *Let's Get to Work Lorain County!* mobility proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Paradox Prize grant award will support a pilot collaborative effort led by the City of Oberlin and ten Lorain County agencies that would provide 24/7 transportation solutions in Lorain, Elyria and Oberlin through expanded public transit service coverage and new service shifts by Lorain County Transit, and access to electric car sharing with the potential to serve several hundreds of underserved residents; and

WHEREAS, the long-term objective of the pilot is to establish a mobility model in Lorain County that integrates transportation services with employer-led workforce partnerships that will lead to expanded access to talent, improved diversity in placements and/or increased retention; and

WHEREAS, this grant award supports the Fund's and Oberlin's shared objective of increasing transportation options for low-income residents of Northeast Ohio, particularly low-income residents of color, in a way that increases access to jobs, ultimately promoting social welfare and combating community deterioration; and

WHEREAS, the execution of the Grant Agreement, attached as Exhibit A, is necessary to commence the City of Oberlin's Paradox Prize Grant pilot transportation program on January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement, has been reviewed and approved as to form by the City of Oberlin Law Director, Jon Clark.

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 the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Grant Agreement attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit "A" with the Fund for Our Economic Future which outlines the grant terms and conditions for the CY 2021 Paradox Prize Grant Program.

SECTION 2. 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 meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. 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, Ohio or to provide for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, to wit: **to provide for the approval of the Paradox Prize Grant Agreement so that the promotion of the pilot transportation program funded by the grant which begins January 1st, 2021 can commence without delay**, and provided that it is elevated to emergency status by the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council and receives the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council upon final passage, it shall go into full force and effect from and immediately after its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 1st Reading: November 16, 2020
2nd Reading: _____
3rd Reading: _____

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL



LINDA SLOCUM
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 11/17/2020

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11/16/2020