

Request for Legislation

To amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 740-18, passed August 15, 2018, relating applying for and accepting grants, gifts, equipment, services, or other funding from public and private entities to facilitate citywide sustainability and energy management projects and authorizing contracts to implement the projects, to extend the expiration date.

Background/Purpose:

The City of Cleveland's Mayor's Office of Sustainability has become an integral part of the way the City of Cleveland does business both internally and externally, including the development and implementation of the Cleveland Climate Action Plan, the Sustainable Cleveland Municipal Action Plan, and administration of the Sustainable Cleveland initiative. In addition to the successes of these programs themselves, the Office has had success in securing and utilizing outside funding for these projects. This has been made possible by the legal authorization of original Ordinance No. 732-07 as well as the successive amendments viz. Ordinance No. 51-09, 560-11, 727-13, 642-15 as well as the most recent stand-alone Ordinance 740-18. These ordinances have allowed the Mayor's Office of Sustainability to work with many City departments and other local partners to apply, accept and spend external and internal funding for sustainability and energy projects.

Ordinance 740-18, passed August 15, 2018, expires June 31, 2021. This ordinance would amend Section 1 of Ordinance 740-18 to have an expiration of June 30, 2023.

Scope of Work/Commodities/Services:

This ordinance would extend existing authority to apply, accept and spend external and internal funding for sustainability and energy projects for an additional two-year period through June 2023

Justification/Urgency:

The importance of this request for legislation is due to the upcoming expiration of the legislative authority in June 2021.