

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
Department of Public Works
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Grant

DIVISION: Administration

ORDINANCE NO.: 634-2025

LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE: Passage of this legislation will allow the Department of Public Works to accept & expand educational efforts and involvement across the city, giving residents the knowledge and confidence to divert more waste away from their communities and the landfill, while also reducing contamination in composting and recycling programs, and pay Keep America Beautiful a certification fee to establish Keep Cleveland Beautiful as an affiliate.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Works to apply for (and accept, and expend) up to \$61,650.00 total (\$49,320.00 grant, \$12,330.00 match) in recycling and litter prevention grant funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to purchase equipment, materials, and services related educating residents about recycling, composting, and waste reduction, and to increase residential awareness and participation in the City's waste reduction programs. Keep America Beautiful benefits the City by educating residents, enhancing community beautification efforts, and promoting safe, clean environments. Their membership also provides the City with access to exclusive grant opportunities not available to non-members.

GRANT TERM: 1 year, April 1, 2025 to March 30, 2026

FUNDING SOURCE: The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency offers competitive grant programs to assist communities, schools, and nonprofits to develop and promote recycling, composting, and waste reduction programs, to expand existing programs, to encourage sustainable practices, and to increase awareness of and participation in proper materials management. The grant requires a 25% match by the city.