

## Memorandum

To: Members of Sustainability Committee

From: Chief Administrative Officer Jeri E. Chaikin

cc: Mayor David E. Weiss

Date: February 2, 2022

Re: Request for Additional Appropriation in the Amount of \$25,000

for Sustainability Committee Citizen-led Initiatives

The General Fund operating budget includes a \$60,000 allocation to support the City's Sustainability initiatives. The 2022 \$60,000 budget is allocated as follows:

\$51,500	Coventry Land Contract
3,040	Rust Belt Riders – composting in City facilities
2,529	Energy Cap utility tracking software
2,800	First Energy EV charging station operations
\$59,869	

Recently added for 2023 is \$12,000 for demand charges for EV chargers at the Van Aken district to bring the total annual sustainability costs to \$71,869 in 2023.

The Sustainability Committee, like Council's newly-created Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, is unique in that it has subcommittees that research and implement projects that engage residents (and non-residents) to work toward each committee's goals without adding to the workload of City employees. With \$500 spent so far this year on marketing, and assuming two months of demand charges for the NOACA chargers (total \$2,500), \$22,500 of the \$25,000 is available for 2022 initiatives. The \$12,000 for EV charging stations' demand charges will not be needed in 2022 due to NOACA's implementation timeline, but in 2023 with the \$12,000 in EV charging station demand charges \$13,131 additional will be available for the Sustainability Committee's 2023 goals.

The Sustainability Committee is requested to support a recommendation to City Council to appropriate an additional \$25,000 in the General Fund operating budget to support sustainability initiatives implemented by the Sustainability Committee.