

December 8, 2021

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202103242  
**From:** Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager  
**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – CMO: Findlay Playground, Grant Park, & OTR Recreation Center Grant from the State of Ohio**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x221010, “Findlay Playground, Grant Park, & OTR Rec Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget Grant resources in the amount of \$150,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, as authorized by the 133<sup>rd</sup> Ohio General Assembly in Senate Bill 310, to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x221010, “Findlay Playground, Grant Park, & OTR Rec Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources for improvements at Findlay Playground, Grant Park, and the Over-the-Rhine Recreation Center.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x221010, “Findlay Playground, Grant Park, & OTR Rec Grant.” This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget Grant resources in the amount of \$150,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), as authorized by the 133<sup>rd</sup> Ohio General Assembly in Senate Bill 310, to new capital project account no. 980x101x221010, “Findlay Playground, Grant Park, & OTR Rec Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources for improvements at Findlay Playground, Grant Park, and the Over-the-Rhine (OTR) Recreation Center.

ODNR grant resources do not require local matching funds or new FTEs.

The Findlay Playground, Grant Park, and OTR Recreation Center grant project is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “build a robust public life” and strategy to “develop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces that encourage social interaction between different types of people,” as described on pages 147-152 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant funds for improvements at Findlay Playground, Grant Park, and the Over-the-Rhine Recreation Center.

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director  
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

