

October 8, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC):
Queen City SWISH Program Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,569 from the Cincinnati Police Department Community Preventive Education Program to operate the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Queen City Safety While Integrating Skills and Hoops (SWISH) Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Fund 319, "Contributions for Recreation Purposes," revenue account no. 319x8571.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$25,569 from the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) Community Preventive Education Grant Program to operate the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Queen City Safety While Integrating Skills and Hoops (SWISH) Program. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Contributions for Recreation Purposes Fund revenue account no. 319x8571.

CPD provides grants for community-based drug and alcohol prevention programs from its State Asset Forfeiture Funds as stipulated in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 2981.13. CRC will use the grant resources to operate the Queen City SWISH Program, which provides high-level educational, recreational, and mentoring opportunities for Cincinnati teens between the ages of 12 and 17. Through the game of basketball, program attendees will learn valuable life skills to prepare them for the game of life. Participants will engage in fun, positive activities centered around learning life skills, competition, and drug prevention in cooperation with CPD and the Cincinnati Fire Department.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents or matching funds associated with the grant.

Acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" as well as the strategy to "[u]nite our communities" as described on pages 209 - 211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the need to meet the application deadline of October 31, 2025.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director



Attachment