

January 27, 2025

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – CMO: Sundance Film Festival In-Kind Donation

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept in-kind donations from the Sundance Film Festival and Film Cincinnati for the Mayor, the City Manager, and one City Manager’s Office employee to attend the four-day 2025 Sundance Film Festival beginning on January 23, 2025, in Park City, Utah.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation from the Sundance Film Festival (the “Festival”) in coordination with Film Cincinnati (the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Film Commission) for the Mayor, the City Manager, and one City Manager’s Office employee to attend the four-day 2025 Sundance Film Festival beginning on January 23, 2025, in Park City, Utah.

The City of Cincinnati is one of three finalists to host the Sundance Film Festival, held by the Sundance Institute, beginning in 2027. The in-kind donations will cover the cost of the Festival registration, ground transportation, film screenings and other Festival events, promotional items, and food for the Mayor, the City Manager, and one City Manager’s Office employee.

Upon completion of the Festival, the City Manager’s Office will provide a report to the Director of Finance detailing the values of the in-kind donation. Acceptance of this in-kind donation requires no matching funds, and no new FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with acceptance of this donation.

Acceptance of this in-kind donation is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[b]uild a robust public life” and strategy to “[d]evelop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces to encourage social interaction between different types of people” as described on pages 149 – 152 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the in-kind donations for the Mayor, the City Manager, and one City Manager’s Office employee to attend the 2025 Sundance Film Festival beginning on January 23, 2025.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment