

September 24, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202501781

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – Parks: Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Application

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$1,500,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (ALN 15.622), as administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft, to construct a boat dock for transient vessels at the Public Landing in Downtown Cincinnati.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$1,500,000 from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program, as administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Watercraft, to construct a boat dock for transient vessels at the Public Landing in Downtown Cincinnati.

The BIG grant requires 25 percent matching funds for eligible and allowable BIG-funded facility costs, which will be paid from existing Parks capital improvement program project accounts and from public-private partnerships. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Construction of a new boat dock at the Public Landing is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and the strategy to “[u]nite our communities” described on pages 193-195 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment