

December 14, 2020

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee **202002195**

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Hamilton County CARES Expanding Free Wi-Fi Program Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$78,248.94 from the Hamilton County CARES Expanding Free Wi-Fi Program for the purpose of assisting the Cincinnati Parks Department with expanding free Wi-Fi services at nature centers and the Krohn Conservatory to provide educational programming that will promote safe, remote learning and workforce development; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into COVID-19 Fund 473.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$78,248.94 from the Hamilton County CARES Expanding Free Wi-Fi Program for the purpose of assisting the Cincinnati Parks Department with expanding free Wi-Fi services at nature centers and the Krohn Conservatory to provide educational programming that will promote safe, remote learning and workforce development. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into COVID-19 Fund 473.

The grant requires no local match, and there are no new FTEs associated with this grant.

Parks is working with the Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) and other childcare service providers to create and provide robust virtual learning environments that are necessary to support kids and families without the necessary resources to maintain educational paths.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “Build a robust public life,” as described on page 149 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and expend grant resources before the deadline of December 30, 2020.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
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