

December 14, 2020

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee **202002207**

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Recreation: Hamilton County CARES Youth Services 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 \$75,000 from the Hamilton County CARES Youth Services Relief Fund to Fund 324, “Recreation Federal Grant Projects,” non-personnel operating budget account no. 324x199x7200, for the purpose of assisting the Cincinnati Recreation Department with the increased cost of providing youth service programming during the COVID-19 pandemic; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Fund 324, “Recreation Federal Grant Projects”, account no. 8551.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$75,000 from the Hamilton County CARES Youth Services Relief Fund, for the purpose of assisting the Cincinnati Recreation Department with the increased cost of providing youth service programming during the COVID-19 pandemic. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the deposit of the grant funds into Fund 324, “Recreation Federal Grant Projects”, account no. 8551, “Federal Grants in Aid.” Also, the funds are appropriated to the Fund 324, “Recreation Federal Grant Projects” non-personnel operating budget account no. 324x199x7200.

The Hamilton County CARES Youth Services Relief Fund is intended specifically for the purpose of assisting the Cincinnati Recreation Department with unanticipated, unbudgeted costs associated with providing youth service programming during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Recreation Department provides programming that supports daytime and after-school enrichment, as well as mental and physical well-being.

Although the grant allows for unanticipated costs to meet increased need for youth services, and necessary new services and support costs related to changing operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the focus is on the following types of activities and programs: support for distance learning; providing safe places to learn; providing daytime and afterschool support to learners including meals, technology and other necessary resources; positive connections to a caring adult;

and appropriate socially-distanced and/or remote enrichment services that support mental and physical wellbeing.

While providing similar services as described above, the Cincinnati Recreation Department has incurred unanticipated, unbudgeted costs for materials, equipment, PPE and the necessary costs associated with providing a sanitized, healthy and safe environment at its youth services facilities.

The grant requires no local match, and no new FTE are associated with the grant. Recreation has applied for the grant but will not accept any resources without City Council approval.

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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Attachment

