

August 3, 2026

To: Members of the Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202602533

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$25,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Education, Ohio Environmental Education Fund, to implement the Cincinnati Conservation Corps Program.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$25,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), Office of Environmental Education (OEE), Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF), to implement the Cincinnati Conservation Corps Program.

The grant requires ten percent matching resources, which would be provided through a combination of in-kind staff time and existing Parks Explore Nature program funding. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Supporting environmental education and increasing the public's awareness of environmental issues is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[p]reserve our natural and built environment" and the strategy to "[p]rotect our natural resources" as well as the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" and the strategy to "[u]nite our communities" as described on pages 193-195 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to meet the grant application deadline of August 14, 2026.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

