

EMERGENCY

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- 2026

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a grant of up to \$25,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to reimburse the Cincinnati Parks Department for expenses incurred by the Explore Nature! program to provide scholarships and busing services to program participants with financial needs; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Fund 326, “Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund,” revenue account no. 326x8571.

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Parks Department Explore Nature! program includes a team of certified nature interpreters who educate the public through opportunities like field trips, scout programming, resource documents, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Parks Foundation offered grant funding to cover the expenses incurred by the Explore Nature! program to provide scholarships and busing services to program participants with financial needs; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Park Board accepted this grant at its regular meeting on February 19, 2026, but an ordinance is required to accept and deposit grant resources; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, accepting grant funds to provide scholarships and busing services to Explore Nature! program participants with financial needs aligns with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 193-197 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept a grant of up to \$25,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to reimburse the Cincinnati Parks Department for expenses incurred by the Explore Nature! program to provide scholarships and busing services to program participants with financial needs.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Fund 326, “Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund,” revenue account no. 326x8571.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant resources to cover expenses incurred by the Cincinnati Parks Department Explore Nature! program to provide scholarships and busing services to participants with financial needs.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk