

February 8, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202300554

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: State of Ohio Grants for Wasson Way

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the establishment of new capital improvement program project account nos. 980x232x232394, “Wasson Way Ph 7 FY21-22 ODNR Grant,” 980x232x232395, “Wasson Way Ph 3-7 FY21-22 ODNR Grant,” and 980x232x232397, “Wasson Way FY23-24 ODNR Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget resources in the amount of up to \$50,000 as authorized by Senate Bill 310 for Fiscal Years 2021-2022 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232394, “Wasson Way Ph 7 FY21-22 ODNR Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources for Phase 7 of the Wasson Way project; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in the amount of up to \$250,000 from the State of Ohio Capital Budget as authorized by Senate Bill 310 for Fiscal Years 2021-2022 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232395, “Wasson Way Ph 3-7 FY21-22 ODNR Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources for Phases 3 through 7 of the Wasson Way project; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in the amount of up to \$350,000 from the State of Ohio Capital Budget as authorized by House Bill 687 for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232397, “Wasson Way FY23-24 ODNR Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources for the Wasson Way project; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit State of Ohio Capital Budget Grant funds into their respective accounts as referenced in this ordinance; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODNR to complete the Wasson Way project.

Approval of this Ordinance accomplishes the following:

1. Authorizes the establishment of new capital improvement program project account nos. 980x232x232394, “Wasson Way Ph 7 FY21-22 ODNR Grant,” 980x232x232395, “Wasson Way Phase 3-7 FY21-22 ODNR Grant,” and 980x232x232397, “Wasson Way FY23-24 ODNR Grant”;
2. Authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget resources in the amount of up to \$50,000 as authorized by Senate Bill 310 for Fiscal Years 2021-2022 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232394, “Wasson Way Ph 7 FY21-22 ODNR Grant” for the purpose of providing resources for Phase 7 of the Wasson Way project;
3. Authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in the amount of up to \$250,000 from the State of Ohio Capital Budget as authorized by Senate Bill 310 for Fiscal Years 2021-2022 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232395, “Wasson Way Ph 3-7 FY21-22 ODNR Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources for Phases 3 through 7 of the Wasson Way project;

4. Authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant resources in the amount of up to \$350,000 from the State of Ohio Capital Budget as authorized by House Bill 687 for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232397, “Wasson Way FY23-24 ODNR Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources for the Wasson Way project;
5. Authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit State of Ohio Capital Budget Grant funds into their respective accounts as referenced herein; and
6. Authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODNR to complete the Wasson Way project.

The Uptown Consortium Incorporated (UCI) submitted a grant application to the State of Ohio to assist with the implementation of the Ecological Corridor, which includes portions of the Wasson Way Trail, and requested that the City, with approval of ODNR, become the recipient of a \$50,000 grant, as included in the State of Ohio Capital Budget and authorized by Senate Bill 310 for Fiscal Years 2021-2022.

Green Umbrella and the Cincinnati Riding Or Walking Network (CROWN) submitted a grant application to the State of Ohio to assist with construction and implementation of various portions of the Wasson Way Trail that supports the connection of the trail to uptown Cincinnati. Green Umbrella and CROWN requested that the City, with ODNR’s approval, become the recipient of a \$250,000 grant, as included in the State of Ohio Capital Budget authorized by Senate Bill 310 for Fiscal Years 2021-2022.

Green Umbrella and CROWN submitted a grant application to the State of Ohio to assist with street crossing improvements along the Wasson Way Trail. Green Umbrella and CROWN requested that the City, with ODNR’s approval, become the recipient of a \$350,000 grant, as included in the State of Ohio Capital Budget authorized by House Bill 687 for Fiscal Years 2023-2024.

These grant resources do not require any local matching funds. There are no new FTEs associated with acceptance of these funds.

The Wasson Way project is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability,” as well as the strategies to “[p]lan, design and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system” and “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel,” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



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