

June 11, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202501206

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – CRC: Mt. Airy Recreation Area Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$100,000 from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and the Dick’s Sporting Goods Foundation through Cincinnati Public Schools to provide resources to remodel the Mt. Airy Recreation Area in the Mt. Airy neighborhood; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x251926 “Mt. Airy Recreation Improvements Grant,” to provide resources to complete the improvements to the Mt. Airy Recreation Area; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into new capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x251926, “Mt. Airy Recreation Improvements Grant.”

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$100,000 from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and the Dick’s Sporting Goods (DSG) Foundation through Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) to provide resources to remodel the Mt. Airy Recreation Area. The Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x251926, “Mt. Airy Recreation Improvements Grant,” to provide resources to complete the improvements to the Mt. Airy Recreation Area.

CPS partnered with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) and Mt. Airy Elementary to apply for a grant through LISC and the Dick’s Sporting Goods Foundation. In response to this application, LISC awarded CPS \$100,000 in grant funds to remodel the Mt. Airy Recreation Area. CRC will use these funds and intends to contribute up to \$150,000 in existing matching resources to complete the improvements.

Providing funds to complete capital improvements and remodeling the Mt. Airy Recreation Area is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[b]uild a robust public life” and strategy to “[d]evelop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces to encourage social interaction between different types of people” described on pages 149-151 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and appropriate the grant funds in FY 2025, which ends on June 30, 2025.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

