


November 20, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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

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**Subject: Ordinance – Cincinnati Recreation Commission: Queen City Safety While Integrating Skills and Hoops (“SWISH”) Program Grant**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,569 from the Cincinnati Police Department Community Preventive Education Grant Program to operate the Cincinnati Recreation Commission’s Queen City Safety While Integrating Skills and Hoops (SWISH) Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Fund 319, “Contributions for Recreation Purposes,” revenue account no. 319x8571.

Approval of this Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$25,569 from the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) Community Preventive Education Grant Program to operate the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Queen City Safety While Integrating Skills and Hoops (SWISH) Program. This Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Contributions for Recreation Purposes Fund revenue account no. 319x8571.

CPD provides grants for community-based drug and alcohol prevention programs from its State Asset Forfeiture Funds as stipulated in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 2981.13. CRC will use the grant resources to operate the Queen City Safety While Integrating Skills and Hoops (SWISH) Program, which provides high-level educational, recreational, and mentoring opportunities for Cincinnati teens between the ages of 12 and 17. Through the game of basketball, program attendees will learn valuable life skills to prepare them for the game of life. Participants will engage in fun, positive activities centered around learning life skills, competition, and drug prevention in cooperation with CPD and the Cincinnati Fire Department (CFD).

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents or matching funds associated with the grant. The City already applied for the grant application to meet the deadline of October 30, 2024. However, no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” as well as the strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 210 - 212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

