

EMERGENCY

MSS

- 2026

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.

WHEREAS, grant resources of up to \$25,000 are available from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Education, Ohio Environmental Education Fund, to implement projects that raise awareness and educate the public about important environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Park Board authorized applying for this grant during its regularly scheduled meeting of July 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department intends to use the grant funds to implement a Cincinnati Conservation Corps Program; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, 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); 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 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.

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

Section 3. 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 meet the grant application deadline of August 14, 2026.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk