

EMERGENCY

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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for and accept two grants totaling up to \$1,323,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to support construction of the new Findlay Community Center in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2025, Council passed Ordinance No. 74-2025 and authorized the City to enter into a funding agreement with the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (“3CDC”) and Findlay Community Center LLC, an affiliate of 3CDC, for the construction of the new Findlay Community Center in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, two grants totaling up to \$1,323,000 are available from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) to support the construction of the new Findlay Community Center; and

WHEREAS, 3CDC will serve as the primary applicant for the grants, but ODNR requires the City to serve as a co-sponsor of 3CDC’s grant applications and as a party to the grant agreements with ODNR, 3CDC, and Findlay Community Center LLC; and

WHEREAS, all grant funds will be disbursed directly to Findlay Community Center LLC or 3CDC for eligible project costs, and no grant funds will be received by or deposited with the City; and

WHEREAS, the grants do not require local matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the grants; and

WHEREAS, 3CDC has already submitted applications for and received awards of the grants, but no grant funds will be accepted without the approval of Council for the City to serve as a co-sponsor and to enter into the required grant agreements; and

WHEREAS, supporting construction of the new Findlay Community Center 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 interaction between different types of people” as described on pages 149-151 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 and accept two grants totaling up to \$1,323,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) to support construction of the new Findlay Community Center in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to enter into any agreements with ODNR and the co-applicants of the grants necessary for the acceptance, administration, and disbursement the grant funds.

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

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of 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 authorize the City's participation as a co-sponsor so that the grant agreements may be executed and the grant funds timely disbursed.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk