



June 3, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Parks Foundation Grant for Explore Nature!

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a grant of up to \$25,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to reimburse the Cincinnati Parks Department for expenses incurred by the Explore Nature! program to provide scholarships and busing services to program participants with financial needs; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Fund 326, "Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund," revenue account no. 326x8571.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept a grant of up to \$25,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to reimburse the Cincinnati Parks Department for expenses incurred by the Explore Nature! program to provide scholarships and busing services to program participants with financial needs.

This grant does not require matching funds or new FTEs/full time equivalents.

Accepting grant funds to provide scholarships and busing services to Explore Nature! program participants with financial needs aligns with the "Sustain" goal to "[p]reserve our natural and built environment," the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" and strategy to "[u]nite our communities" as described on pages 193-197 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept grant resources to cover expenses incurred by the Cincinnati Parks Department Explore Nature! program to provide scholarships and busing services to participants with financial needs.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment