


June 11, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202501191

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 

Subject: Ordinance – CRC: NatureWorks Grant Application for Dyer Sprayground Improvements

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$150,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks grant program to remodel the Dyer Sprayground in the West End neighborhood.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$150,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) NatureWorks grant program for the purpose of remodeling the Dyer Sprayground.

Grant resources are available from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks grant program to fund the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of local government recreational areas. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) plans to apply for a grant of up to \$150,000 for the purpose of remodeling the Dyer Sprayground.

The NatureWorks grant requires 25 percent matching funds, which will be paid from existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x231918, "Dyer Sprayground Improvements CBR – GF." There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Renovation of the Dyer Sprayground 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 Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

