



November 12, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

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Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – LeBlond Recreation Center Walking Trail**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x211916, “LeBlond Walking Trail Grant” for the purpose of providing resources for the engineering, design, and construction of a 0.25 mile long trail connecting the LeBlond Playground to the St. Rose Soccer Field; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$70,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund awarded by the State of Ohio, Ohio Department of Natural Resources to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x211916, “LeBlond Walking Trail Grant,” for the purpose of assisting the Cincinnati Recreation Commission with the construction of a walking trail at the LeBlond Recreation Center.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$70,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund awarded by the State of Ohio, Ohio Department of Natural Resources to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x211916, “LeBlond Walking Trail Grant,” for the purpose of assisting the Cincinnati Recreation Commission with the construction of a walking trail at the LeBlond Recreation Center. The trail will be a total of 0.25 miles long and connect the LeBlond Playground to the St. Rose Soccer Field.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (CFDA 15.916) is a federally funded reimbursement grant program that provides up to 50% project funding and requires a 50% match. The required match of up to \$70,000 will be partially offset by Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) staff providing engineering and design services as in-kind labor and the remaining local match amount will come from resources available in capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x211900, “Outdoor Facilities Renovation”. There will be no new FTE associated with the acceptance of this grant. The application deadline for these grant resources is November 16, 2020, and CRC intends to apply by this date. However, funding will not be accepted without authorization by City Council.

The LeBlond Recreation Center Walking Trail is in accordance with the Plan Cincinnati goal to “Develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as well as the strategies to “Expand options for non-automotive travel,” and “Plan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Biggam, Assistant City Manager  
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