

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232315, “Wasson Way 6A 2023 ODNR COTF Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phase 6A of the Wasson Way Trail; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$500,000 from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund program as awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232315, “Wasson Way 6A 2023 ODNR COTF Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232315, “Wasson Way 6A 2023 ODNR COTF Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

WHEREAS, the planned Wasson Way Trail is a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians extending from the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Reading Road in Avondale eastward through the City of Norwood, the Cincinnati neighborhoods of Evanston, Hyde Park, Oakley, and Mount Lookout, through the Village of Fairfax, and ending east of Wooster Road near its intersection with Red Bank Road in Columbia Township; and

WHEREAS, Council approved Ordinance No. 0088-2021 on March 24, 2021, which authorized the City Manager to apply for grant resources from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant program to be awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in an amount up to \$500,000 for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phase 6A of the Wasson Way Trail project; and

WHEREAS, the City received the grant award, and Council authorization is required to accept and appropriate the grant resources; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires matching funds of up to approximately \$166,667, which will be made available from existing “Wasson Way Trail” capital improvement program project account nos. 980x232x212371, 980x232x222371, and 980x232x232371; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the Wasson Way Trail is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability,” as well as the strategies to “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel,” and “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That new capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232315, “Wasson Way 6A 2023 ODNR COTF Grant,” is hereby established for the purpose of providing resources for the construction of Phase 6A of the Wasson Way Trail project.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate grant resources in an amount up to \$500,000 from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund program as awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232315, “Wasson Way 6A 2023 ODNR COTF Grant,” for the purpose of providing resources for Phase 6A of the Wasson Way Trail project.

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x232315, “Wasson Way 6A 2023 ODNR COTF Grant.”

Section 4. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 through 4 hereof.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk