

February 25, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC): Red Cross Donation

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of up to \$10,250 from the American Red Cross to support swim lessons and scholarships for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission’s Junior Lifeguard program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Fund 319, “Contributions for Recreation Purposes,” revenue account 319x8571.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of up to \$10,250 from the American Red Cross to support swim lessons and scholarships for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission’s Junior Lifeguard program. The Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the donation into Contribution for Recreation Purposes Fund 319.

The Red Cross donation would cover costs from the 2025 pool season. The donation does not require matching funds or any new FTEs/full time equivalents.

Acceptance of donated funds to support CRC swim lessons and Junior Lifeguard scholarships is in accordance with the “Live” goals to “[b]uild a robust public life” and “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on pages 149-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for this emergency is the immediate need to ensure timely processing of the donation to reimburse CRC for the 2025 pool season.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

