

**EMERGENCY**

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- 2024

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$191,362 from the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program (ALN 21.027) to install public Wi-Fi infrastructure at various Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) park locations; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Recreation Federal Grant Projects Fund 324x8551.

WHEREAS, United Way of Greater Cincinnati is administering Hamilton County American Rescue Plan/State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds via the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program; and

WHEREAS, there is a grant of up to \$191,362 available from the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program to install public Wi-Fi infrastructure at ten Cincinnati Recreation Commission (“CRC”) park locations; and

WHEREAS, broadband infrastructure has been shown to be critical for work, education, health care, and civic participation, and installation of broadband infrastructure in CRC park locations will expand the public’s access to broadband internet service; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant requires no matching funds, and no new permanent FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with acceptance of this grant; and

WHEREAS, the City already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, the installation of public Wi-Fi infrastructure at ten CRC park locations 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” as described on pages 149-151 of Plan Cincinnati; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$191,362 from the Hamilton County Digital Divide Public Wi-Fi grant program (ALN 21.027) to install public Wi-Fi infrastructure at ten Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) park locations.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Recreation Federal Grant Projects Fund 324x8551.

Section 3. 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 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the grant resources in a timely manner.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk