

May 14, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202500981

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Ohio History Connection (OHC) Grant for Historic Park Signage

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252046, "Historic Park Signs – Grant," to provide resources for the restoration and installation of historic park signs; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$14,051 from the Ohio History Connection's Ohio History Fund Program; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources of up to \$14,051 into capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252046, "Historic Park Signs – Grant"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of the Ohio History Fund grant resources.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$14,051 from the Ohio History Connection's Ohio History Fund Program for the restoration and installation of historic park signs. The Emergency Ordinance further authorizes establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252046, "Historic Park Signs – Grant," to provide resources for the restoration and installation of historic park signs and authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources of up to \$14,051 into the newly established capital improvement program project account. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of the Ohio History Fund grant resources.

The grant requires a local match of forty percent of project costs, which will be covered by resources currently available in existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222016, "Parks Signs/Furnishings/Fences/Railings Improvements." There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Securing grant funding to restore and install of historic park signage is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[p]reserve our natural and built environment" and the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" and the strategy to "[u]nite our communities" as described on pages 193 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to comply with the established grant deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

