

September 29, 2021

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

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**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – ESPN RePlay Grant Program**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$75,000 from the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation, from funds made available through the ESPN RePlay program, for the purpose of renovating underutilized recreation spaces in Avondale as part of the 2021 Community Makeover program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Recreation Special Activities Fund revenue account no. 323x8571x199Q876, “2021 Community Makeover.”

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$75,000 from the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation for the purpose of renovating vacant or underutilized spaces in low to moderate income neighborhoods. These funds have been made available from the ESPN RePlay Program.

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) is partnering with the Avondale Development Corporation to seek additional funds for community-based projects. Avondale is the designated area for the 2021 Community Makeover program. This program brings together the resources of the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund, P&G, the Cincinnati Zoo, and Children's Hospital to make a positive impact to identified neighborhoods.

There is no match funding requirement, and there are no new FTE associated with the grant. The department submitted this grant application on April 20, 2021. As a result, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission has applied for this grant prior to this Emergency Ordinance receiving approval from the City Council. Should this Emergency Ordinance not be approved, the grant funding will not be accepted.

This Ordinance is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “Create a more livable community,” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the need for grant funds to be accepted in a timely fashion upon receipt of an award notice.

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director  
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment