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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x211917, “ODNR LeBlond Walking Trail Grant,” for the purpose of providing grant resources for the engineering, design, and construction of a 0.25 mile long trail connecting the LeBlond Playground to the St. Rose Soccer Field; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$120,000 from the NatureWorks grant program awarded by the State of Ohio, Ohio Department of Natural Resources to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x211917, “ODNR LeBlond Walking Trail Grant,” for the purpose of assisting the Cincinnati Recreation Commission with the construction of a walking trail at the LeBlond Recreation Center.

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission plans to build a walking trail to connect the LeBlond Playground to the St. Rose Soccer Field (“LeBlond Walking Trail”) that will be 0.25 miles long; and

WHEREAS, the LeBlond Walking Trail is eligible for the NatureWorks grant program, which is funded through the Ohio Parks and Natural Resources Bond Issue and will provide up to 75% project funding and require a 25% match; and

WHEREAS, the required match of \$40,000 will be partially offset by Cincinnati Recreation Commission (“CRC”) staff providing engineering and design services as in-kind labor, and the remaining local match amount will come from resources available in capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x211900, “Outdoor Facilities Renovation”; and

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

WHEREAS, the application deadline for these grant resources is June 1, 2021, and CRC intends to apply by this date, but funding will not be accepted without authorization by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the LeBlond Walking Trail is in accordance with the Plan Cincinnati goal to “Develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as well as the strategies to “Expand options for non-automotive travel,” and “Plan, 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 the Director of Finance is authorized to establish new capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x211917, "ODNR LeBlond Walking Trail Grant," for the purpose of providing resources for the engineering, design, and construction of a 0.25 mile trail connecting the LeBlond Playground to the St. Rose Soccer Field.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$120,000 from the State of Ohio, Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks grant program to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x211917, "ODNR LeBlond Walking Trail Grant," for the purpose of assisting the Cincinnati Recreation Commission with the construction of a walking trail at the LeBlond Recreation Center.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out of the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 hereof.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the 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 apply for, accept, and appropriate the grant resources in a timely manner.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk