

February 8, 2023

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202300553

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject:** **Ordinance – CRC: Community Preventive Education Grant for SWISH Program**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$26,030 from the Cincinnati Police Department Community Preventive Education Grant Program for the purpose of providing resources for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission’s Safety While Integrating Skills and Hoops program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Contributions for Recreation Purposes Fund 319 revenue account no. 319x8571.

Approval of this Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$26,030 from the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) Community Preventive Education Grant Program for the purpose of providing resources for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission’s (CRC) Safety While Integrating Skills and Hoops (SWISH) program. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Contributions for Recreation Purposes Fund 319 revenue account no. 319x8571.

The SWISH program provides high-level education, recreation, and mentoring opportunities for Cincinnati teens between the ages of twelve and seventeen. Program attendees will learn valuable life skills to prepare them for the game of life through activities centered around life skills, competition, and drug prevention.

CPD provides grants for community-based drug and alcohol prevention programs from their State Asset Forfeiture Funds as stipulated in Ohio Revised Code Section 2981.13.

CRC staff already applied for this grant prior to the deadline in October 2022. Should this Ordinance not be approved, the grant funding will not be accepted. There are no new FTEs or matching funds associated with the grant.

Acceptance of this grant award is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” as well as the strategy to “[u]nite our communities,” as described on pages 207-212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

