



April 22, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Cincinnati Parks Foundation Grant for 2025 Let's Grow Local Event

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a grant of up to \$2,500 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to cover expenses incurred during the production of the annual Let's Grow Local event held on October 28, 2025; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Parks Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund revenue account no. 326x8571.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept a grant of up to \$2,500 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to cover expenses incurred during the Let's Grow Local event held on October 28, 2025. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Parks Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund revenue account no. 326x8571.

Let's Grow Local is a community initiative led by Cincinnati Parks in partnership with MadTree Brewing, the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, and other community partners. This initiative aims to unite the community by planting trees, improving public spaces, and investing in the long-term health of neighborhoods. During the volunteer event on October 28, 2025, Let's Grow Local planted over 140 new trees throughout the West End and completed projects to improve public spaces.

The grant was accepted by the Cincinnati Park Board at its regular meeting on November 20, 2025, but the grant will not be accepted without the approval of the City Council. This grant does not require matching funds or new FTEs/full time equivalents.

Planting trees, improving public spaces, and investing in the long-term health of neighborhoods is in accordance with the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" and strategy to "[u]nite our communities" as described on pages 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the grant resources in a timely manner and reimburse Cincinnati Parks for expenses already incurred before the end of the fiscal year.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment