

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

AUTHORIZING the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x203xARP020, “Tree Canopy Expansion,” for the purpose of providing funds to the Cincinnati Parks Department to expand the tree canopy program to plant additional trees in an effort to mitigate heat in City neighborhoods; **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x203xARP020, “Tree Canopy Expansion,” for the purpose of providing funds to the Cincinnati Parks Department to expand the tree canopy program to plant additional trees in an effort to mitigate heat in City neighborhoods; and **DECLARING** expenditures from ARP grant project account no. 469x101xARP020, “Tree Canopy Expansion,” to be for a public purpose.

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive funding from the United States Department of the Treasury pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act as part of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Act; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Parks Department’s Urban Forestry division has a tree canopy program that provides trees to residents and neighborhoods in the City; and

WHEREAS, trees help reduce soil erosion, reduce the effects of “urban heat islands,” and provide energy-saving shade and beauty; and

WHEREAS, additional funds will allow the Cincinnati Parks Department to expand the program, particularly focusing on providing trees to neighborhoods that are below a measurement of forty percent tree canopy; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to establish American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x203xARP020, “Tree Canopy Expansion,” for the purpose of providing funds to the Cincinnati Parks Department to expand the tree canopy program to plant additional trees in an effort to mitigate heat in City neighborhoods.

Section 2. That the sum of \$500,000 is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant

project account no. 469x203xARP020, "Tree Canopy Expansion," for the purpose of providing funds.

Section 3. That expenditures from ARP grant project account no. 469x101xARP020, "Tree Canopy Expansion," are hereby declared to be for a public purpose because providing funds to the Cincinnati Parks Department to expand the tree canopy program to plant additional trees in an effort to mitigate heat in City neighborhoods improves the economic and general well-being of the people of the City, which is necessary because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 3 hereof.

Section 5. 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 implement authorized American Rescue Plan-related support programs.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk