

May 1, 2024

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

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

**Subject: Ordinance – DOTE: COTF Grant for Little Miami Scenic Trail,  
Elstun to Ranchvale, Shared Use Path**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for grant resources from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund grant program to be awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in an amount up to \$500,000 for the purpose of providing resources for the Little Miami Scenic Trail, Elstun to Ranchvale, Shared Use Path (PID 115291).

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for grant resources from the Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) grant program to be awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) in an amount up to \$500,000 for the purpose of providing resources for the Little Miami Scenic Trail, Elstun to Ranchvale, Shared Use Path (PID 115291).

The Little Miami Scenic Trail, Elstun to Ranchvale, Shared Use Path is a shared-use path for bicycles and pedestrians along Beechmont Avenue from the intersection of Elstun Road to the intersection of Ranchvale Drive in the Mount Washington neighborhood and will extend the trail built by Anderson Township. The COTF grant would provide resources for the Little Miami Scenic Trail, Elstun to Ranchvale, Shared Use Path portion of the trail.

If awarded, the grant requires local matching resources in the amount of approximately \$166,667, which will be made available in future Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) capital budget resources allocated for the Little Miami Scenic Trail, Elstun to Ranchvale, Shared Use Path. No additional FTEs/full time equivalents are necessary for this grant.

The Little Miami Scenic Trail, Elstun to Ranchvale, Shared Use Path is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” as well as the strategies to “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel,” and “[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system” as described on pages 129-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment