

June 4, 2025

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202501151

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

**Subject:** Ordinance – Parks: CROWN Ohio River Trail (ORT) Safety Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252047, “CROWN ORT Safety Grant”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget grant resources of up to \$140,000, to be distributed by the Ohio Office of Budget and Management and as authorized by House Bill 2 for Fiscal Years 2025-2026, to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252047, “CROWN ORT Safety Grant,” to provide resources for the removal of railroad tracks and ties and repaving a portion of the Ohio River Trail/Oasis Trail; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit State of Ohio Capital Budget grant funds into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252047, “CROWN ORT Safety Grant”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate State of Ohio Capital Budget grant resources of up to \$140,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252047, “CROWN ORT Safety Grant,” to provide resources for the removal of railroad tracks and ties and repaving a portion of the Ohio River Trail/Oasis Trail.

Tri-State Trails submitted a grant application to the State of Ohio on behalf of the City to aid with the removal of railroad tracks and ties and repaving a portion of the Ohio River Trail/Oasis Trail known as the Cincinnati Riding Or Walking Network (CROWN). The State of Ohio awarded \$140,000 to “CROWN Ohio River Trail Safety Improvements.” Tri-State Trails requested that the City of Cincinnati execute the contract for implementation.

This grant does not require matching funds. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the grant.

Acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability” and strategy to “[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel” as well as the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” as described on pages 129-133 and 181-188 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

