

**April 30, 2025**

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

202500923

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Glenway Park Improvement Grant**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252042, “Glenway Park Improvement – ODNR,” to provide grant resources for improvements to Glenway Park; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$50,082 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks grant program to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252042, “Glenway Park Improvement – ODNR,” to provide grant resources for improvements to Glenway Park; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252042, “Glenway Park Improvement – ODNR.”

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$50,082 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) NatureWorks grant program to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252042, “Glenway Park Improvement – ODNR,” for the construction of a playground and other park amenities at Glenway Park.

The ODNR grant requires a minimum 25% local match, which will be covered by existing resources from the “Park Infrastructure Rehabilitation” capital improvement program project account. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the grant. Since the total cost of the project is anticipated to be \$500,082, the Parks Foundation is expected to contribute up to \$300,000 toward the total cost of the project.

Securing grant funding for improvements to Glenway Park is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and the strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 193 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is to accept grant resources in a timely manner to comply with grant deadlines and ensure that the City does not experience increased pricing due to delays in acceptance.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

