

March 13, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 

202400819

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – CRC: Ohio Department of Education Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AMENDING Ordinance No. 65-2022, as amended by Ordinance No. 226-2022, to increase the amount of a grant award from the Ohio Department of Education from \$1,096,596.87 to \$1,190,656.50; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate additional funds of up to \$94,059.63, effective FY 2024, from the Ohio Department of Education, for a total grant of up to \$1,190,656.50, to provide resources to fund the expansion of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission’s Summer Learning and Afterschool Opportunities programs.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would amend Ordinance No. 65-2022, as amended by Ordinance No. 226-2022, to increase the amount of a grant award from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) from \$1,096,596.87 to \$1,190,656.50. This Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the City Manager to accept and appropriate additional resources of up to \$94,059.63, effective FY 2024, from the Ohio Department of Education, for a total grant of up to \$1,190,656.50, for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC)’s Summer Learning and Afterschool Opportunities programs.

The CRC’s Summer Camp and Afterschool programming allow youth to participate in Social-Emotional Learning programming, field trips, and academic assistance outside of school with Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) as a programming partner.

This grant is paid on a reimbursement basis, covers a two-year period, and ODE offers additional grant funds to grant recipients over the course of the two-year period without an additional or supplemental application. In late 2023, ODE offered the City an additional \$94,059.63 for Afterschool Expand and Summer Expand. The grant does not require matching funds. There are no additional FTEs/ full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Providing resources for the Summer Learning and Afterschool Opportunities programs is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” as well as the strategy to “[u]nite our communities,” as described on pages 207-212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to amend the amount of the grant award and accept the grant resources in a timely fashion.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

