

EMERGENCY

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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$150,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program, which is federally funded by the Federal Highway Administration (ALN 20.219), to implement safety improvements through the Ohio River Trail Sawyer Point and Yeatman’s Cove Bike Trail project.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$150,000 is available from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) Recreational Trails Program to fund the development and maintenance of trails; and

WHEREAS, a 0.75-mile section of the Ohio River Trail (“ORT”) spanning across Sawyer Point and Yeatman’s Cove has railroad tracks embedded in the pavement, which creates safety hazards for pedestrians, bicyclists, and others; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will help fund replacement of this section of the ORT and implement safety improvements (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, this grant requires a twenty percent local match which will be provided from capital improvement program project account no. 712x203x262040, “Sawyer Point and Yeatman’s Cove Bike Trail – COT MSI”; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees to obligate funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed Project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms and conditions of the ODNR Recreational Trails Program; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant application and acceptance were authorized by the Cincinnati Park Board at its regular meeting on February 19, 2026, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council;

WHEREAS, implementing safety improvements to the ORT through Sawyer Point and Yeatman’s Cove aligns 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 strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 193 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for a grant of up to \$150,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program, which is federally funded by the Federal Highway Administration (ALN 20.219), to implement safety improvements through the Ohio River Trail Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove Bike Trail project.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Section 1.

Section 3. 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 provide a copy of the approved ordinance with the grant application by the deadline of April 16, 2026.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk