

October 18, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 

202302204

Subject: Ordinance – Cincinnati Recreation Commission: Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application for Camp Washington Skate Park

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$500,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (ALN 15.916) awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of providing resources to construct a new skate park at the Camp Washington Recreation Area.

Approval of this Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for grant resources in an amount of up to \$500,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (ALN 15.196) awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of providing resources to construct a skate park at the Camp Washington Recreation Area.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (ALN 15.916) is a federally funded reimbursement grant program awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The grant provides up to fifty percent of project funding for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of recreational areas.

To meet ODNR's fifty percent local match, funding of up to \$250,000 will be provided from existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x241900, "Outdoor Facilities Renovation," or a future capital improvement program project account. Local fundraising is underway to further support the skate park project.

There are no new FTEs associated with this grant application. The deadline to apply is November 13, 2023, but CRC will not accept grant resources without authorization from the City Council.

Applying for the ODNR grant to construct a skate park, in response to public input, is in accordance with the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" and strategy to "[u]nite our communities" as described on pages 207-212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment