

**EMERGENCY**

MSS

- 2026

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$150,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Grant Program to provide resources for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of public outdoor recreational areas.

WHEREAS, grant resources of up to \$150,000 are available from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Grant Program to acquire, develop, and rehabilitate public outdoor recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to apply for these grant resources to develop and rehabilitate public parks; and

WHEREAS, the NatureWorks Grant Program requires 25 percent matching resources, which would be provided from Cincinnati Parks Department capital resources, including private donations from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation; and

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

WHEREAS, acquiring, developing, and rehabilitating public outdoor recreational spaces 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 193-195 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 NatureWorks Grant Program to provide resources for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of public outdoor recreational areas.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of 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 meet grant submission deadlines.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk