

June 10, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: American Trails Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate, a grant of up to \$15,000 from American Trails through the Trails Capacity Program to provide funding for staff training and the development of a volunteer trail stewardship program, and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity revenue account no. 326x8571, Parks project account no. 26AMTRL1, “FY 2026 American Trails Grant.”

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$15,000 from American Trails through the Trails Capacity Program to provide funding for staff training and the development of a volunteer trail stewardship program. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into “Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity,” revenue account no. 326x8571, Parks project account no. 26AMTRL1, “FY 2026 American Trails Grant.”

The Cincinnati Park Board is anticipated to authorize applying for this grant during its regularly scheduled meeting on June 18, 2026.

This grant does not require matching funds or new FTEs/full time equivalents.

Training staff and developing a volunteer trail stewardship program are 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 strategy to “[u]nite our communities” described on pages 193 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and deposit the grant resources.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment