


June 14, 2023

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  202301656

**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC):  
Summer Monetary and In-Kind Donations**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept in-kind donations and contributions of supplies and professional services from the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation valued at approximately \$56,500 for use at various recreation facilities and events; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept in-kind donations of a park bench and plaque from the South Cumminsville Community Council valued at \$500 for installation at Wayne Field and Playground; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept in-kind donations of garden fencing, shed equipment, and other landscaping materials and labor from the Bond Hill Community Council valued at approximately \$12,000 to provide an enclosed community garden at the Bond Hill Recreation Area; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a monetary donation of \$35,000 from the Avondale Development Corporation and Fifth Third Bank to provide resources for Hirsch Recreation Center Summer Day Camp programming; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager and employees of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission to solicit and accept donations of money and in-kind contributions from the local business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources to provide resources for summer programming, including day camps, aquatics programming, and Youth to Work celebrations; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Contributions for Recreation Purposes Fund 319 revenue account no. 319x8571.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept in-kind donations and contributions of supplies and professional services from the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation valued at approximately \$56,500 for use at various recreation facilities and events. Additionally, the Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept in-kind donations of a park bench and plaque from the South Cumminsville Community Council valued at \$500 for installation at Wayne Field and Playground. The Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the City Manager to accept in-kind donations of garden fencing, shed equipment, and other landscaping materials and labor from the Bond Hill Community Council valued at approximately \$12,000 to provide an enclosed community garden at the Bond Hill Recreation Area. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a monetary donation of \$35,000 from the Avondale Development Corporation and Fifth Third Bank to provide resources for Hirsch Recreation Center Summer Day Camp programming.

The Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the City Manager and employees of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission to solicit and accept donations of money and in-kind contributions from the local business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources to provide resources for summer programming, including day camps, aquatics programming, and Youth to Work celebrations. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Contributions for Recreation Purposes Fund 319 revenue account no. 319x8571.

The Cincinnati Recreation Foundation is providing \$56,500 worth of in-kind donations. These donations include goods and professional services valued at \$30,000 necessary for basketball court installation and court designs at Laurel Park, which is made possible by a grant opportunity from the Smith League. In addition, swimming pool equipment and apparel valued at \$17,000 is being donated for use at City aquatics facilities. Finally, gift cards and other items valued at \$9,500 are provided for prizes and giveaways at the Youth to Work celebration.

The South Cumminsville Community Council intends to donate a park bench and plaque valued at \$500 for installation at Wayne Field and Playground.

The Bond Hill Community Council is donating gardening fencing, shed equipment, and other landscaping materials and labor valued at up to \$12,000 to provide an enclosed community garden at the Bond Hill Recreation Area.

The Avondale Development Corporation and Fifth Third Bank intend to donate \$35,000 to provide resources for Hirsch Recreation Center Summer Day Camp programming. The donation will be used to offset costs associated with the Summer Day Camp programming including staffing, field trips, transportation, and supplies.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents or matching funds associated with the acceptance of these donations.

Acceptance of in-kind donations and contributions to benefit various City recreation facilities and events is in accordance with the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" and the strategy to "[u]nite our communities" as described on pages 209-212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the donations within Fiscal Year 2023.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment