

August 3, 2026

To: Members of the Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – OSG: Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Grants for Findlay Community Center

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for and accept two grants totaling up to \$1,323,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to support construction of the new Findlay Community Center in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for and accept two grants totaling up to \$1,323,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to support construction of the new Findlay Community Center in the Over-the-Rhine (OTR) neighborhood.

On April 2, 2025, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 0074-2025, which authorized the City to enter into a funding agreement with Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC) and Findlay Community Center LLC, an affiliate of 3CDC, for the construction of the new Findlay Community Center in Over-the-Rhine. 3CDC will serve as the primary applicant for the grants, but ODNR requires the City to serve as a co-sponsor of 3CDC's grant applications and as a party to the grant agreements. All grant funds will be disbursed directly to Findlay Community Center LLC or 3CDC and no grant funds will be received by or deposited with the City. The grants do not require a local match; and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the grants.

Supporting construction of the new Findlay Community Center is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "[b]uild a robust public life" and strategy to "[d]evelop and maintain inviting and engaging public spaces to encourage interaction between different types of people" as described on pages 149-151 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to authorize the City's participation as a co-sponsor so that the grant agreements may be executed and the grant funds timely disbursed.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

