

August 4, 2025

**To:** Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

202501558

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: ODNR Urban Forestry Grant**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$100,000 from the Urban Forestry Grant program, awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ALN 10.727), to provide resources to develop and implement an urban forestry management plan.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$100,000 from the Urban Forestry Grant program, awarded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) (ALN 10.727), to provide resources to develop and implement an urban forestry management plan.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant program is offering grant resources available from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service of up to \$100,000. If awarded, the City may use grant resources to develop and implement a plan for Cincinnati's Urban Forestry Program.

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

Developing and implementing an urban forestry management plan 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 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the need for Council approval to apply for the grant resources before the August 27, 2025 application deadline.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment