

EMERGENCY

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- 2020

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$250,000 from the Hamilton County CARES Expanding Free Wi-Fi Program for the purpose of assisting the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) in the upgrading and new installation of public Wi-Fi offerings in the CRC community recreation centers; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Recreation Federal Grant Projects Fund 324.

WHEREAS, there is a grant available in the amount of up to \$250,000 from the Hamilton County CARES Expanding Free Wi-Fi Program for the purpose of assisting the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) in the upgrading and new installation of public Wi-Fi offerings in the CRC community recreation centers; and

WHEREAS, CRC is working in collaboration and coordination with the Cincinnati Public Schools and other childcare service providers to create and provide robust virtual learning environments that are necessary to support kids and families without the necessary resources to maintain educational paths; and

WHEREAS, prior to the establishment of the Hamilton County CARES Expanding Free Wi-Fi Program, City Council passed Ordinance No. 0356-2020, which authorized the allocation of up to \$250,000 in CARES resources for upgrading and installing new public Wi-Fi offerings in the CRC community recreation centers; and

WHEREAS, any grant resources awarded to the City of Cincinnati from the Hamilton County CARES Expanding Free Wi-Fi Program would reduce the need for resources already allocated from COVID-19 Fund 473 for upgrading and installing new public Wi-Fi offerings in the CRC community recreation centers; and

WHEREAS, any resources previously allocated from COVID-19 Fund 473, that are offset by the Hamilton County CARES Expanding Free Wi-Fi Program grant resources, will be reevaluated for opportunities to re-allocate to cover the cost of other CARES related eligible expenses; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires no local match, and there are no new FTEs associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the CRC has already applied for the grant, but will not accept any funds without approval of Council; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “build a robust public life,” as described on page 149 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 hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$250,000 from the Hamilton County CARES Expanding Free Wi-Fi Program for the purpose of assisting the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) in the upgrading and new installation of public Wi-Fi offerings in the CRC community recreation centers.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to deposit the grant resources into Recreation Federal Grant Projects Fund 324.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and of Sections 1 and 2 herein.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of 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 accept grant resources in a timely manner so the CRC can continue to provide robust virtual learning environments.

Passed: _____, 2020

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk