

March 24, 2021

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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – ODNR Waterway Safety Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project no. 980x199x211921, “Riverside Boat Ramp Improvements”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$200,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Waterways Safety Fund for the purpose of providing funding for the design and construction of the improved boat ramp, boat dock, and restrooms at the Riverside boat ramp.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$200,000 from the State of Ohio, Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Waterways Safety Fund (WSF) for the purpose of funding design and construction of a new loading dock, any repairs to the existing dock, renovation of the existing restrooms to be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, any ADA updates needed to access the dock, and any new lighting that is needed at the ramp and boat parking areas. In addition, this Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to establish new capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x211921, "Riverside Boat Ramp Improvements", for the purpose of providing grant resources for the engineering, design, and construction of the improvements.

The ODNR Waterways Safety Fund is a federally funded reimbursement grant program that provides 75% of project funding, so there is a 25% match required. The required match of \$50,000 will be offset by CRC providing engineering and design services, in-kind labor contributed by department staff and will provide the remaining cash funds from resources available in Recreation's Outdoor Facilities Renovation capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x211900, “Outdoor Facilities Renovation.” There are no new FTE are associated with the grant. While the grant application deadline is April 1st, 2021, funding will not be accepted without the approval of this Emergency Ordinance by the City Council.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “Create a more livable community,” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to assure timely submission of the grant application and acceptance of any granted funds.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment