

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

AUTHORIZING the establishment of American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP003, "Outdoor Dining Grant Program (Neighborhoods)," for the purpose of providing for a grant program to cover the cost of the design and construction of public infrastructure improvements that facilitate outdoor dining and increase pedestrian safety in various City neighborhoods; and **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 469 to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP003, "Outdoor Dining Grant Program (Neighborhoods)," for the purpose of providing for a grant program to cover the cost of the design and construction of public infrastructure improvements that facilitate outdoor dining and increase pedestrian safety in various City neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive funding from the United States Department of the Treasury pursuant to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act as part of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (LFRF) Act; and

WHEREAS, the City's restaurant and entertainment sector occupy an essential role in the vitality of the region's culture, community, workforce, and economy; and

WHEREAS, dining and entertainment venues attract persons from throughout the region to Cincinnati and greatly enhance the vibrancy of the City to the direct benefit of its citizens and its economy; and

WHEREAS, restaurants and related establishments have experienced substantial losses in revenue and suffered substantial economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure improvements expanding capacity for outdoor dining and increased pedestrian safety will assist restaurants and related establishments in their ability to recover from losses over the past year while enhancing pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, funds are being provided for a grant program to enable improvements to be made in various neighborhoods to facilitate outdoor dining and increase pedestrian safety; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to establish American Rescue Plan grant project account no. 469x101xARP003 "Outdoor Dining Grant Program (Neighborhoods)," for the purpose of providing for a grant program to cover the cost of the design

and construction of public infrastructure improvements that facilitate outdoor dining and increase pedestrian safety in various City neighborhoods.

Section 2. That the sum of \$1,000,000 is hereby appropriated to newly established American Rescue Plan grant project account 469x101xARP003 “Outdoor Dining Grant Program (Neighborhoods),” for the purpose of providing for a grant program to cover the cost of the design and construction of public infrastructure improvements that facilitate outdoor dining and increase pedestrian safety in various City neighborhoods.

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

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the 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 implement authorized American Rescue Plan-related support programs.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk