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Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission for the 2017 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Round 11 Project - Eastmoor Green Line. This ordinance will also authorize the appropriation of grant and matching funds.

The Department applied for grant funding in March of 2017 to acquire by fee simple 17.5 acres of linear park greenway corridor through the Eastmoor and Linwood communities. In June of 2017, the Department received notice that the project was funded. This 3 mile corridor runs along an abandoned rail corridor from Broad Street to Livingston Avenue. The rail corridor is privately owned, and acquiring the property will establish a linear park/natural area offering easily accessible access to thousands of residents living within a 10 minute walking distance. The project also provides important social equity for two inner city neighborhoods facing a deficit of natural resources.

Grant Funding to be accepted: \$751,800.00

Local Match Funding: \$322,200.00

Principal Parties:

Ohio Public Works Commission
65 East State Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Emergency Justification: An emergency is being requested in order to enter into said grant agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission to fulfill the schedule and meet the deadline required by the granting authority.

Benefits to the Public: The Eastmoor/Linwood areas lack access to waterways and significant open spaces and parks. For over 25 years the city has been engaging in protecting and providing access to a comprehensive linear system of rivers, trails, and paths. The timing of acquiring this park corridor ties directly to the city's goal of providing a lift to inner city neighborhoods cut off from safe, easy access greenways and outdoor experiences.

Area(s) Affected: Eastmoor/Linwood Area---Planning Area 20

Master Plan Relation: This project will support the mission of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan by improving access to trails and greenways corridors. Provide safe connections for nearby neighborhoods to the regional trail network. Improve recreation access to streams, and protect water quality.

Fiscal Impact: This ordinance will authorize the appropriation of \$751,800.00 in grant funds in the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund 2283. This ordinance will also authorize a grant match of \$322,200.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702. \$322,200.00 is budgeted and available in the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702 to meet the financial obligations of the grant match. There is a total of \$1,074,000.00 available for this project.

To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission for the 2017 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Round 11 Project - Eastmoor Green Line; to authorize the appropriation of \$751,800.00 to the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer \$322,200.00 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; to amend the 2017 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance 1124-2017; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,074,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to accept a grant and enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission in the amount of \$751,000.00 for the 2017 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Round 11 Project - Eastmoor Green Line; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize that the 2017 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance 1124-2017 be amended in order to provide sufficient budget authority for this legislation and future projects; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the appropriation of \$751,000.00 to the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the City Auditor to transfer \$322,200.00 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into said grant agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission and to fulfill the schedule required by the granting authority; **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Recreation and Parks is authorized and directed to accept a grant in the amount of \$751,800.00 and enter into a contract with the Ohio Public Works Commission for the 2017 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Round 11 Project - Eastmoor Green Line.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, the sum of \$751,800.00 is appropriated to the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund 2283 per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance. Appropriation effective upon receipt of executed grant agreement.

SECTION 3. That the transfer of \$322,200.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between projects within the Recreation and Parks Bond Fund 7702 per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the 2017 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance 1124-2017 is hereby amended as follows in order to provide sufficient budget authority for this legislation and future projects.

Fund / Project / Project Name / Current / Change / Amended

Fund 7702; P510308-100000; Greenways - Water Trails (Voted Carryover) / \$3,815 / (\$3,815) / \$0

Fund 7702; P510316-100000; Greenways Projects (Voted Carryover) / \$89,134 / (\$89,134) / \$0

Fund 7702; P510316-100000; Greenways Projects (SIT Supported) / \$2,532,000 / (\$229,251) / \$2,302,749

Fund 7702; P510906-100000; Greenways - Clean Ohio - Eastmoor Green Line - Grant Match (Voted Carryover) / \$0 / \$92,949 / \$92,949

Fund 7702; P510906-100000; Greenways - Clean Ohio - Eastmoor Green Line - Grant Match (SIT Supported) / \$0 / \$229,251 / \$229,251

SECTION 5. That at the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 6. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 7. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 8. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 9. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.