

RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 1973

**AUTHORIZING THE SANDUSKY COUNTY PARK DISTRICT TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF OHIO FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE LOCAL GRANT INNOVATION FUND (LGIF) PROGRAM AS LEAD APPLICANT AND THE CITY OF FREMONT AS COLLABORATIVE PARTNER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio Development Services Agency provides financial assistance to local governments for the purpose of addressing local needs, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fremont desires to participate as a collaborative partner to receive financial assistance under the Ohio Development Services Agency LGIF Program to conduct a feasibility study to develop a plan to connect the existing trail system operated/maintained by the Sandusky County Park District and the City of Fremont to various sectors within the City of Fremont including but not limited to, downtown area, Hayes Presidential Library & Museum, and Terra State Community, and

**WHEREAS**, the collaborative partners include Sandusky County Park District, Sandusky County, City of Fremont, Terra State Community College, Rutherford B. Hayes Library & Museums, Sandusky County Health District, and the Regional Planning Commission, and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of the project is currently anticipated to include the following activities:

- a. Consensus on a clear vision for expansion of the trail (physical improvements, recreational amenities and tourism opportunities)
- b. Strategies to enhance connections and linkages to the various destinations along the proposed trail
- c. Strategies to enhance eco-cultural and recreational tourism
- d. Consensus regarding an organization and management structure that will implement the plan
- e. A listing of resources to fund the prioritized implementation strategies, programs, and projects identified in the plan
- f. Complete necessary conceptual plans, estimates of probable cost, and applications for funding (ODOT and/or ODNR due on or about February 1, 2017) to implement the plan

The cost for such activities shall not exceed \$50,000, which is anticipated to be funded by the LGIF and will include minimum 10% (\$5,000) in-kind match provided by the partners, it being understood that in-kind match can include capital and operating expenses related to the expansion of the trail system 2 years past and in the future.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fremont has the authority to apply for financial assistance and/or participate as a collaborative partner through the LGIF Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fremont hereby authorizes and directs the Sandusky County Park District to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required for the funding application, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fremont understands and acknowledges that the Sandusky County Park District will serve as the lead applicant for the project application, with other collaborative parties participating in the project planning and funding;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREMONT, STATE OF OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** That the City of Fremont hereby authorizes the Sandusky County Park District to act as official representative of the City of Fremont for participation as a collaborative party in the LGIF Program and provide all information and documentation required in said Application for submission.

**SECTION 2.** That the City of Fremont hereby approves the participation with other collaborative parties for the filing of an application.


**SECTION 3.** That the City of Fremont hereby understands and agrees that participation in the program as collaborative party will require compliance with the program guidelines and assurances.

**SECTION 4.** That the City of Fremont hereby commits itself to provide local share funding as described in the application, it being understood the local share can include the prior 2 years and future in-kind costs incurred by collaborative parties.

**SECTION 5.** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

**SECTION 6.** The immediate operation of the provisions of this resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Fremont. Said emergency being the need to file application with the State of Ohio by the deadline of March 17, 2016.

This resolution, provided it receives a two-thirds ye or nay vote of all the members elected to the Fremont City Council, is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council of the City of Fremont, approval by the Mayor, and publication and posting as required by law.

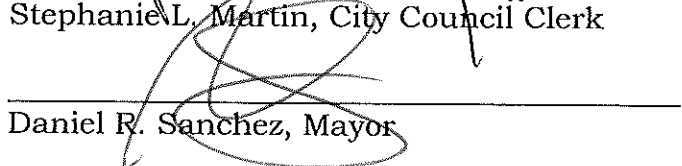
  
Jamie Hafford  
President of Council

PASSED: 3-17-16

Effective date: 3-17-16


YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

  
Stephanie L. Martin, City Council Clerk

  
Daniel R. Sanchez, Mayor

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Approved as to form:

  
James F. Melle, Director of Law  
City  
of Fremont, Ohio