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From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting retroactive authorization to apply and accept National Park Service Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program Grant to extend the Kinnickinnic River Oak Leaf Trail, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program was established by the United States Congress in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the ORLP program helps urban communities address outdoor recreation deficits by supporting projects in cities and urbanized areas that create new outdoor recreation spaces, reinvigorate already existing parks, and form connections between people and the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the ORLP program is focused exclusively on supporting parks and outdoor recreation opportunities in cities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture applied for a project to reconstruct the Kinnickinnic line of the Oak Leaf Trail between 16<sup>th</sup> Street and 27<sup>th</sup> Street into a separated, off-road path; and

WHEREAS, priority was given to projects that engage and empower youth in underserved communities; provide opportunities for employment or job training; involve and expand public-private partnerships; and rely on a high degree of coordination among all levels of government to expand and improve recreation opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements would impact a zip code with over 60,000 residents, with a density of more than 10,000 people per square mile, comprised of 47 percent of persons of color with a median household income of \$33,837; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 1-1 match (in-kind or cash), which is being explored in conjunction with already planned work by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, to remove a concrete channel in the adjacent Kinnickinnic River; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project aligns with Milwaukee County’s strategic plan areas of applying a racial equity lens to all decisions, investing upstream to address root causes of health disparities, and dismantling barriers to diverse and inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of November 1, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-921 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

46 BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) is  
47 hereby retroactively authorized to apply for a National Park Service Outdoor Recreation  
48 Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program grant; and

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50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is authorized to accept the awarded OLRP  
51 program grant in the amount of \$453,954; and

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53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC, the Office of the Comptroller, the  
54 Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Register of Deeds, Office of Corporation  
55 Counsel, and the Risk Management Division, DAS, are authorized to execute  
56 administrative fund transfers, professional service contracts, and record all documents  
57 required to implement the grant for the Kinnickinnic River trail project as awarded.

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