

Department of Public Works
2021 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
Recreation Activities Grant for Developmental Disabilities

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

**ORDINANCE
NO.:** 278-2021

DESCRIPTION: An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Works to accept & expend a grant from the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the purpose of creating a staff training program around expanding adaptive recreation/leisure/sports activities to adults with developmental disabilities in Cuyahoga County.

**LEGISLATIVE
PURPOSE:** Passage of this legislation will allow the Department of Public Works to accept a \$15,000.00 grant to provide training for recreation staff, physical director and center managers for inclusive programming opportunities for residents. This has been identified as a gap in services, so this grant is the first necessary step in educating staff on the importance and administration of adaptive and inclusive programming.

These recreation activities will be open and marketed to all adults with developmental disabilities, ages 18 through senior citizens. The Cuyahoga DD also believes people with developmental disabilities should be able to participate in recreation activities with typical peers (those without developmental disabilities) as well. Therefore, we strongly encourage the creation of inclusive and DD-specific recreation opportunities allowing for choice and preference of participation to the fullest extent possible.

**FUNDING
SOURCE:** Recreation Services Grant awarded for \$15,000.00 by the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

- Not a matching grant