

June 23, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102324
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: Ordinance – FY 2021-2022 State Victims Assistance Partnership Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Victims of Crime Act Grant in an amount up to \$42,000 from the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General, for the purpose of providing funds for the Homicide Unit’s Victims’ Assistance Practitioner in the State Victims Assistance Act and the federal Victims of Crime Act grant programs; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds in Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 22VALU.

This Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant for up to the amount of \$42,000 from the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General, for the purpose of providing funds for the Homicide Unit’s Victim Advocate in the State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA) and the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant programs. The Victim Advocate provides support and advocacy to survivors of victims whose deaths are investigated by the Cincinnati Police Department’s Homicide Unit.

This Ordinance will also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 22VALU. The grant application deadline is June 30, 2021. As a result, the Cincinnati Police Department will have applied for this grant prior to this Ordinance receiving approval from the City Council. Should this Ordinance not be approved, the grant funding will not be accepted. The grant does not require any additional FTEs. The grant requires a 25% “in-kind” match of the grant amount. The department will use student volunteer hours for the “in-kind” match.

This Ordinance is in accordance with the Live goal to “Create a more livable community” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Biggam, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment