


June 11, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  202501175

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Police: Cincinnati Blue Line Foundation, Inc. Donation for CPD Wellness Squad**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of up to \$100,000 from the Cincinnati Blue Line Foundation, Inc., including an in-kind donation of a 2025 Ford Explorer outfitted with a canine transport package for the Cincinnati Police Department Wellness Squad and therapy dog, Stella, as well as a monetary donation to support fuel and maintenance costs of the donated vehicle; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Public Safety Special Projects Fund revenue account no. 456x8571.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of up to \$100,000 from the Cincinnati Blue Line Foundation, Inc., including an in-kind donation of a 2025 Ford Explorer outfitted with a canine transport package for the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) Wellness Squad and therapy dog, Stella, as well as a monetary donation to support fuel and maintenance costs of the donated vehicle. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Public Safety Special Projects Fund revenue account no. 456x8571.

The Cincinnati Blue Line Foundation, Inc. has generously agreed to donate a vehicle and funds to support and enhance CPD's Wellness Squad and its therapy dog, Stella.

This donation does not require additional FTEs/full time equivalents or matching funds.

Enhancing CPD's Wellness Squad and therapy dog program is in accordance with the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" as described on pages 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the need to ensure timely acceptance of the donation from the Cincinnati Blue Line Foundation, Inc.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

