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AMENDING Ordinance No. 243-2022 to authorize the City Manager to accept the transfer of equipment purchased by the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency with funds awarded through the FY 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Area Security Initiative (ALN 97.067).

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2022, Council approved Ordinance No. 243-2022, which authorized the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$591,655, effective FY 2023, from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, through the FY 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Area Security Initiative (ALN 97.067) (the “Grant”), for the purpose of providing funding for clothing, communications equipment, physical barriers, and license plate reader mobile cameras for the Cincinnati Police Department’s Special Weapons and Tactics team and Civil Disturbance Response Team; and

WHEREAS, the Grant funds that were ultimately awarded to the City totaled \$310,000, consisting of \$50,000 for the purchase of tactical entry communications equipment, \$196,000 for the purchase of physical barrier devices, and \$64,000 for the purchase of intelligence surveillance equipment (collectively, “SWAT Equipment”); and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency (“HCEMA”) serves as the regional fiscal agent for the Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, when Council approved Ordinance No. 0243-2022, it was believed that the City would receive the Grant funds through HCEMA, then use those Grant funds to purchase the SWAT Equipment; and

WHEREAS, in actuality, HCEMA uses the Grant funds to purchase the SWAT Equipment for the City, then transfers ownership of the SWAT Equipment to the City; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 0243-2022 must be amended to allow the City to accept the SWAT Equipment purchased by HCEMA with the Grant funds; now, therefore;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Sections 1, 3, and 4 of Ordinance No. 0243-2022, approved by Council on August 3, 2022, are hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for, ~~accept, and appropriate~~ a grant in the amount of up to \$591,655, effective FY 2023, from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, through the FY 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Area Security Initiative (ALN 97.067) (the "Grant"), for the purpose of providing funding for clothing, communications equipment, physical barriers, and license plate reader mobile cameras for the Cincinnati Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics team and Civil Disturbance Response Team, and to accept the transfer of equipment purchased by the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency with funds awarded through the Grant.

~~Section 3~~ Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the ~~grant~~ Grant and ~~Sections 1 and 2~~ Section 1 hereof.

~~Section 4~~ Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to apply for the Grant funds and accept the awarded funds transfer of Grant-funded equipment in a timely manner.

Section 2. That Section 2 of Ordinance No. 0243-2022 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section 3. That all terms of Ordinance No. 243-2022 not amended or removed in this Ordinance remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the transfer of Grant-funded equipment in a timely manner.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Deletions are struck through. Additions are underlined.