


July 31, 2023

**To:** Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  202301861

**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – Police: FY 2023 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant Program**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Area Security Initiative (ALN 97.067) (the “UASI Grant”); and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept the transfer of equipment, supplies, and training valued at up to \$250,000 from the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency, which acts as the regional fiscal agent for the UASI Grant.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), FY 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Area Security Initiative (ALN 97.067) (the “UASI Grant”). This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the City Manager to accept the transfer of equipment, supplies, and training valued at up to \$250,000 from the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency (HCEMA), which acts as the regional fiscal agent for the UASI Grant.

The UASI Grant is available through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to assist in preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and responding to acts of terrorism. The Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency serves as the regional fiscal agent for the UASI Grant and uses grant funds to purchase equipment, supplies, and training for the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD).

The UASI Grant application deadline was May 18, 2023, and the City has already applied for the UASI grant, but no supplies, equipment, or training will be accepted without authorization from the City Council.

There are no new FTEs associated with this grant, and no matching funds are required.

Acceptance of the supplies, training, and equipment funded by the UASI Grant is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on pages 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the transfer of UASI Grant-funded equipment, supplies, and training in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director  
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

