

June 23, 2022

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202201461

**From:** John P. Curp, Interim City Manager

**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – Police: FY 2022-2023 State Victims Assistance Partnership Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$42,000, effective FY 2023, from the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General, for the purpose of providing funds for the Cincinnati Police Department Homicide Unit’s Victim Advocate 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. 23VALU.

This Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant for up to the amount of \$42,000, effective FY 2023, 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. This Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 23VALU.

The Victim Advocate provides support and advocacy to survivors of victims whose deaths are investigated by the Cincinnati Police Department’s (CPD) Homicide Unit.

The grant application deadline is June 29, 2022, and CPD will have applied for the grant prior to the City Council’s approval of this Emergency Ordinance, but no grant funding will be accepted without approval of the City Council. The grant does not require any additional FTEs. The grant requires a 25% “in-kind” match, which will be provided by student volunteers utilized by CPD.

This grant is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the need to ensure the City’s timely acceptance of the funds.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

