

September 2, 2025

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Police: FY 2025 Port Security Grant Program

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2025 Port Security Grant Program (ALN 97.056) of up to \$102,500, consisting of \$35,000 to support the Cincinnati Police Department's Port of Cincinnati Ohio River Surveillance Camera Network, and up to \$67,500 to support the Cincinnati Fire Department's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Robot for marine vessels; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds for the Police Department into Law Enforcement Grant Fund revenue account no. 368x8553, project account no. 25PORT, and the grant funds for the Fire Department into Fire Grant Fund revenue account no. 472x8542.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), FY 2025 Port Security Grant Program (ALN 97.056) totaling \$102,500 of which up to \$35,000 would support the Cincinnati Police Department's Port of Cincinnati Ohio River Surveillance Camera Network, and up to \$67,500 would support the Cincinnati Fire Department's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Robot for marine vessels. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds for the Police Department into Law Enforcement Grant Fund revenue account no. 368x8553, project account no. 25PORT, and the grant funds for the Fire Department into Fire Grant Fund revenue account no. 472x8542.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant. The grant requires a local match of 25% of the total project cost, or up to \$34,167. The CPD Police Information Technology Management and Systems (ITMS) section will provide an in-kind match of staff time valued at \$11,667 for the Port of Cincinnati Ohio River Surveillance Camera Network. CFD will provide up to \$22,500 from General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x7300 as their match.

The grant application deadline was August 15, 2025, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Accepting grant resources for port security is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "[c]reate a more livable community" as described on pages 156-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to ensure the timely acceptance of grant funds.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment