

January 6, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202002357

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – FY 2020 Ohio Drug Law Fund Enforcement Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$160,000 from the State of Ohio, Office of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of funding personnel costs and equipment for Title III investigations; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 21ODLE.

This Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount up to \$160,000 from the State of Ohio, Office of Criminal Justice Services to fund personnel costs and equipment for Title III investigations.

Electronic surveillance is cost intensive, progressive and requires a tremendous amount of manpower. If awarded, this grant will supplement Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) resources; helping to bridge the fiscal gap to abate Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) operations, thereby reducing violence and drug overdoses. The grant requires matching funds of \$53,334, which will be provided from Narcotics Unit investigators' on-duty time. There are no new FTE associated with this grant. This Ordinance would also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 21ODLE.

As the grant application deadline is January 6, 2021, the Cincinnati Police Department will have applied for this grant prior to this Ordinance receiving approval from the City Council. Should this Ordinance not be approved, the grant funding will not be accepted.

This Ordinance is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “create a more livable community” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

