

April 15, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202601348

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Police: FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$273,433 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Formula (ALN 16.738) to support additional Police Visibility Overtime and the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478x8553, project account no. 25JAG.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$273,433 from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Formula (ALN 16.738) to support additional Police Visibility Overtime (PVO) and the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women (WHW). This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478x8553, project account no. 25JAG.

The FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – Local Formula is available through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to be jointly awarded to the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The City and the County will negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) intended to specify that the grant will be divided equally, less a ten percent administrative fee charge to the County by the City, resulting in a total received by the City of up to \$150,388.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant, and no matching funds are required.

In order to meet the grant application deadline of April 28, 2026, the City may submit its application prior to receiving the City Council's approval, but no grant funds will be accepted without prior City Council approval.

Supporting additional Police Visibility Overtime and the Sexual Assault Advocate program is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "[c]reate a more livable community" as described on pages 156-158 and 160-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

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

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment