

August 3, 2026

To: Members of the Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202602456

Subject: **Ordinance – Police: FY 2027 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (NCVRW) Community Awareness Project**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$5,000 from the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Community Awareness Project to provide resources for the Cincinnati Police Department’s Victims Assistance Liaison Unit and the Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses program to host a Crime Victims’ Rights Community Awareness Blitz; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 27CVRW.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$5,000 from the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General (OAG), National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Community Awareness Project to provide resources for the Cincinnati Police Department’s Victims Assistance Liaison Unit (VALU) and the Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses (CCROW) program to host a Crime Victims’ Rights Community Awareness Blitz. This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8533, project account no. 27CVRW.

The National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Community Awareness Project grant is available to support innovative and collaborative approaches to promoting community-wide public awareness of the rights and available services for victims of all types of crimes during National Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

The Crime Victims’ Rights Community Awareness Blitz will include events in each of the four police districts, in partnership with community partners who serve victims of crime, and the week’s closing event will end with a candlelight vigil recognizing victims of crime who lost their lives.

The grant application deadline was July 31, 2026, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

The grant requires no local matching funds. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Providing resources to host a Crime Victims' Rights Community Awareness Blitz 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 Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment