

January 31, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202400387

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Police: FY 2024 Violent Crime Reduction Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$96,717.12 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY 2024 State of Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant, to enhance targeted enforcement for the existing Crime Gun Intelligence Center; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 24SVCR.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$96,717.12 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), FY 2024 State of Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant, to enhance targeted enforcement for the existing Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC). This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 24SVCR.

The grant will provide resources for four hours of overtime per week per position for one year, to cover one supervisory sergeant and six police officers. The Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) officers will focus on pre-determined PIVOT (Place-based Investigations of Violent Offender Territories) zones throughout the city in an effort to reduce violent crime. The grant will also provide resources for SQL database training.

The grant application deadline was January 4, 2024, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council. The grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the grant.

Acceptance of this grant is accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on pages 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

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

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

