

October 26, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager



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Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Police: FY 2022 State Homeland Security Program – Law Enforcement (SHSP-LE) Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Fiscal Year 2022 State Homeland Security Program – Law Enforcement Grant (“FY22 SHSP-LE Grant”) (ALN 97.067) from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency in an amount of up to \$250,000 to enhance and sustain the Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit FY22 SHSP-LE Grant funds into the Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account 22SHSP.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Fiscal Year 2022 State Homeland Security Program – Law Enforcement Grant (SHSP-LE) from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) in an amount up to \$250,000 for the enhancement and sustainment of the Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center (GCFC). This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 22SHSP.

The Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center serves to combat potential domestic extremism, violence, and terrorist activity and serves as a focal point for the receipt, analysis, gathering, and sharing of threat-related information between local, tribal, territorial, state, and federal partners, and private sector stakeholders.

The administration of the GCFC was transferred to the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) from the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Offices (HCSO) on January 1, 2022. The HCSO previously applied for and received four SHSP-LE Grants from Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, all of which were transferred to the CPD along with the administration of the GCFC.

The grant application deadline was September 30, 2022, and the Cincinnati Police Department applied for the grant prior to receiving City Council approval. Should this Emergency Ordinance not be approved, the grant award will not be accepted.

If the FY22 SHSP-LE Grant were awarded and accepted, the funds will be used to cover salary and fringe benefit costs for a Supervisory Intelligence Analyst (SIA) and a contracted cybersecurity analyst at the GCFC, as well as costs related to software,

training, network firewalls, Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras and licenses, and other cybersecurity projects within the GCFC.

The grant does not require matching funds and no new FTEs are associated with the grant. However, approximately \$3,500 of the SIA's salary and benefits surpass the FY22 SHSP-LE Grant allowance and shall be paid through the CPD's General Fund operating budget.

Acceptance of the FY22 SHSP-LE Grant is in 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 need to meet the Ohio Emergency Management Agency's sixty-day grant acceptance deadline, if the grant is awarded to the City.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment