



January 5, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Police: FY 2022 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) – Warrants Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$273,639 from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY 2022 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) - Warrants Program (ALN 16.034) for the purpose of reimbursing the Cincinnati Police Department for the costs associated with serving warrants, which will reduce the number of outstanding open warrants that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 22WARR.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount of up to \$273,639 from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY 2022 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) – Warrants Program (ALN 16.034) for the purpose of reimbursing the Cincinnati Police Department for the costs associated with serving warrants, which will reduce the number of outstanding open warrants that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Manager to deposit the grant funds into the Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 22WARR.

Currently, there are approximately 9,325 open warrants to be served by the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD). This grant will provide funds to reimburse CPD overtime expenses, which will allow officers to serve and reduce the number of outstanding open warrants that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grant application deadline was December 7, 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. The grant does not require matching funds and no new FTEs are associated with this 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 accept grant funds to reimburse the costs associated with CPD serving outstanding open warrants.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment