

August 4, 2025

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Police: FY 2025 Community Policing Development Microgrants

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$175,000 in FY 2025 Community Policing Development Microgrants funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (ALN 16.710), to enhance the Understudy Program, which works to recruit and retain police officer candidates between the ages of eighteen and 21 until they are of eligible age to enter the police academy; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25WDEV.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$175,000 in FY 2025 Community Policing Development Microgrants funds from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) (ALN 16.710), to enhance the Understudy Program, which works to recruit and retain police officer candidates between the ages of 18 and 21 until they are of eligible age to enter the police academy. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25WDEV.

The grant is available through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, to enhance the Cincinnati Police Department's Understudy Program by funding the hiring of part-time understudies, the purchase of a passenger van and other supplies, and limited travel to support the program.

The grant application deadline was June 30, 2025, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no funds will be accepted without City Council approval. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant, and no matching funds are required.

Acceptance of this grant 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 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