

June 5, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager *SLM*

202401539

**Subject:** Ordinance – Police: FY 2024 Arnold Ventures Causal Research on Community Safety and the Criminal Justice System Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$685,000, effective FY 2025, from Arnold Ventures, FY 2024 Causal Research on Community Safety and the Criminal Justice System, to support development of a differential response drone pilot program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8571, project account no. 24AV.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$685,000, effective FY 2025, from Arnold Ventures, FY 2024 Causal Research on Community Safety and the Criminal Justice System, to support development of a differential response drone pilot program. This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8571, project account no. 24AV.

The FY 2024 Causal Research on Community Safety and the Criminal Justice System grant is available through Arnold Ventures to support the development of a differential drone response pilot program within the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD). If the grant is awarded, CPD intends to use the grant funds to develop a differential response drone pilot program to assist officers with service calls during their daily shifts.

This grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

The grant does not have an application deadline, and CPD intends to apply for the grant as soon as possible, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Acceptance of this 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 Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

