

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$18,884,111 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program (ALN 97.083) to fully fund the salary and benefits of up to fifty fire recruits in the Cincinnati Fire Department for three years; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Fire Grants Fund 472, revenue account no. 472x8542.

WHEREAS, a grant of approximately \$18,884,111 is available from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program (ALN 97.083) that, if awarded, would be used to fully fund the salary and benefits of up to fifty fire recruits in the Cincinnati Fire Department (“CFD”) for three years; and

WHEREAS, the grant would provide resources for a new recruit class resulting in up to fifty additional FTEs, but the addition of these recruits would not exceed CFD’s authorized budgeted sworn strength; and

WHEREAS, the grant would fully cover the cost of salary and fringe benefits for the new recruit class for three years, without requiring matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the grant would not provide resources for non-personnel expenses for the recruit class, including uniforms, personal protective equipment, psychological testing, books, and other ancillary items and services needed to train and outfit the class, totaling up to \$804,617, but resources for these items are provided for in the approved FY 2024-2025 Biennial Budget; and

WHEREAS, the City has applied for the grant to meet the March 17, 2023 deadline, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, accepting these grant resources is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$18,884,111 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency FY 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

Grant Program (ALN 97.083) to fully fund the salary and benefits of up to fifty fire recruits in the Cincinnati Fire Department for three years.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Fire Grants Fund 472, revenue account no. 472x8542.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk