

June 5, 2024

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

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

**Subject:** Ordinance – Police: Technology and Equipment Program Community Project Funding

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,767,701, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Technology and Equipment Program Community Project Funding (ALN 16.710), to support the Cincinnati Police Department’s camera technology and the Emergency Communications Center’s Alternative Response to Crisis program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25CPF.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,767,701, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Technology and Equipment Program Community Project Funding (ALN 16.710), to support the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD)’s camera technology and the Emergency Communications Center (ECC)’s Alternative Response to Crisis (ARC) Program.

The camera technology project will enhance CPD’s current technological capabilities by adding cameras and improving camera technology to prevent and deter criminal activity, as well as assist with evidence collection, crowd monitoring, and traffic management. If awarded, the grant funds will also be used to strengthen the ECC’s Alternative Response to Crisis program.

The grant application deadline was May 6, 2024, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

The requested projects have been listed for advancement by Congressman Greg Landsman (OH-01) to be reviewed by the United States House of Representatives Appropriations Committee. If approved by the House Appropriations Committee, CPD may be required to complete an additional grant application.

The grant requires no matching funds. The grant requires the addition of six FTEs/full time equivalents, including two FTEs/full time equivalents for the camera program and four FTEs/full time equivalents for the Alternative Response to Crisis program.

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

