



September 5, 2023

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

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

202301944

Subject: Ordinance – Cincinnati Fire Department: FY 2023 Urban Area Security Initiatives Grant Program

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Area Security Initiative (ALN 97.067) (the “UASI Grant”); and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept the transfer of equipment and supplies valued at up to \$425,000 from the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency, which acts as the regional fiscal agent for the UASI Grant.

Approval of this Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), FY 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) (ALN 97.067). This Ordinance further authorizes the City Manager to accept the transfer of equipment and supplies valued at up to \$425,000 from the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency (HCEMA), which acts as the regional fiscal agent for the UASI Grant.

The UASI Grant is available through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to assist in preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and responding to acts of terrorism. Through this grant the Cincinnati Fire Department (CFD) will receive twenty explosive ordnance device (EOD) tool backpacks to respond to human-caused incidents involving explosives. CFD will also receive an upgrade to the Radcliff Emergency Operations Center (EOC)’s primary information display wall, which has reached the end of its useful life.

There are no new FTEs associated with this grant; no matching funds are required.

The City applied for the grant prior to the deadline of May 18, 2023, and was made aware of the award in August 2023. No supplies or equipment will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Acceptance and use of the supplies and equipment funded by the UASI 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