

July 31, 2023

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202301848

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Police: Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, FY 2023 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (ALN 16.607), that would provide the Cincinnati Police Department with reimbursement of up to \$271,897 for bulletproof vest body armor expenditures for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, which are estimated at \$534,794; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 24VEST.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), FY 2023 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (ALN 16.607), that would provide the Cincinnati Police Department with reimbursement of up to \$271,897 for bulletproof vest body armor expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025, which are estimated at \$534,794. This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 24VEST.

The FY 2024 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (ALN 16.607) is available through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, to provide the Cincinnati Police Department with a maximum allowable reimbursement amount of up to fifty percent of the departmental expenditure for bulletproof vest body armor in Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, up to a maximum of \$271,897. The departmental expenditure for bulletproof vest body armor is expected to be \$534,794 for the next two fiscal years.

The grant application deadline was June 26, 2023, and the City has applied for the grant prior to this date, but no funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

There are no new FTEs 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 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the need to ensure timely acceptance of any grant funds awarded.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment