


May 30, 2024

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

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

202401482

**Subject: Ordinance – Police: FY 2025 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (“STEP”) grant of up to \$70,000, effective FY 2025, from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office (ALN 20.600), to aid in reducing deaths and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24STEP.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant of up to \$70,000, effective FY 2025, from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) (ALN 20.600). This Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24STEP.

The STEP grant aims to reduce deaths and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents due to speeding, loss of control, restraint violations, and operating a vehicle under the influence through high visibility enforcement efforts.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant, and no matching funds are required.

The grant application deadline was May 23, 2024, and the Cincinnati Police Department has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval from the City Council.

Acceptance of the STEP 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

option to purchase the property through its lease agreement with the property owner in coordination with the College Hill Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (“CHCURC”). The property has a total purchase price of \$3.8 million. The City is providing \$1.75 million and CHCURC is raising any additional funding necessary to close on the property. The City’s acquisition loan repayment will be subordinate to other private financing sources. After acquiring the property, CHCURC will create a plan to redevelop the property over a five-year period.

Providing resources for the acquisition of College Hill Plaza is in accordance with the “Compete” goal to “[c]ultivate our position as the most vibrant and economically healthiest part of our region” as described on page 114 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to execute agreements prior to the purchase option closing deadline of June 18, 2024.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachments