

July 31, 2023

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202301850
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Police: Season of Justice DNA Testing Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$8,257 in DNA Testing Grant funds from Season of Justice to provide the Cincinnati Police Department with funding to assist in solving cold cases using DNA; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23DNA.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$8,257, effective FY 2024, in DNA Testing Grant funds from Season of Justice to provide the Cincinnati Police Department with funding to assist in solving cold cases using DNA. This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23DNA.

The grant is available through Season of Justice, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing funding for investigative agencies and families to assist in solving cold cases through the use of DNA. Season of Justice provides grants to investigative agencies for advanced DNA solutions, such as forensic genealogy and next-generation sequencing, in an effort to solve complex cold cases. If awarded, the Cincinnati Police Department will use the grant funds to assist investigators in solving cold cases where DNA is available.

The City has already applied for the grant, but no grant 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 to ensure timely acceptance of the grant funds.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

