

May 30, 2024

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

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Law: FY 2024 Smart Prosecution – Innovative Prosecution Solutions Program (IPSP) Grant**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$350,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2024 Smart Prosecution – Innovative Prosecution Solutions Program (ALN 16.825), to create a criminal case management screening program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into General Government Grants Fund 404x8544, Department of Law project account no. 25IPSP.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$350,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), FY 2024 Smart Prosecution – Innovative Prosecution Solutions Program (IPSP) (ALN 16.825), to provide resources to create a criminal case management screening program. This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit grant resources into the General Government Grants Fund revenue account no. 404x8544, Department of Law project account no. 25IPSP.

Grant funds would be utilized to develop a criminal case management screening program to help screen criminal cases to ensure that they are strong cases and have the necessary evidence to go forward.

This grant does not require matching funds, but there are two new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the grant which include a Screening Attorney and a Screening Paralegal.

The City applied for the grant prior to the deadline of May 6, 2024, but no grant resources will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Establishing a criminal case management screening program is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[m]anage our financial resources” as described on pages 199-205 and the strategy to “[s]pend public funds more strategically” as described on page 202 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the need for the timely acceptance of grant funds.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment