

August 3, 2026

To: Members of the Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Ordinance – Police: FY 2025 Justice Reinvestment Initiative

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$2,998,635 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2025 Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Strengthening State and Local Operations to Reduce Crime and Recidivism (ALN 16.827) to purchase mobile trailer cameras and software, to hire victim advocates, and to support police visibility overtime, marketing services, and community engagement, all to enhance the Cincinnati Police Department's operations to improve investigations, clearance rates, and prosecutions; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25JRI.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$2,998,635 from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), FY 2025 Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Strengthening State and Local Operations to Reduce Crime and Recidivism (ALN 16.827) to purchase mobile trailer cameras and software, to hire victim advocates, and to support police visibility overtime (PVO), marketing services, and community engagement, all to enhance the Cincinnati Police Department's operations to improve investigations, clearance rates, and prosecutions. This Ordinance further authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25JRI.

The Cincinnati Police Department ("CPD") intends to use the grant funds to purchase mobile trailer cameras and software, to hire victim advocates, and to support police visibility overtime, marketing services, and community engagement, all to enhance CPD's operations to improve investigations, clearance rates, and prosecutions.

This grant does not require matching funds. One new FTE/full time equivalent is associated with this grant.

The City has already applied for this grant to comply with the June 10, 2026, application deadline, but no funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Improving investigative operational effectiveness is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "[c]reate a more livable community" as described on pages 156-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

