

August 3, 2026

To: Members of the Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Ordinance – Fire: FY 2025 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$72,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2025 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program (ALN 97.151) to provide resources for a home safety inspection campaign; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Fire Grants and Donations Fund 472, revenue account no. 472x8542.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$72,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), FY 2025 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program (ALN 97.151) to provide resources for a home safety inspection campaign. This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Fire Grants and Donations Fund 472 revenue account no. 472x8542.

This grant is available from Federal Emergency Management Agency's FY 2025 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program. The Fire Department intends to utilize the grant resources to purchase community risk reduction smoke alarms, to be installed as part of a home safety inspection campaign.

Acceptance of the grant requires a local match of five percent, or approximately \$3,600. The local match will be paid from existing Fire Department operating budget appropriations. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

The City has already applied for the grant to meet the application deadline of June 22, 2026, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council. Grant awards are expected to be announced in September 2026.

Providing resources for a home safety inspection campaign 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
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

