

May 4, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – Fire: FY 2021 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) 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 \$19,066,100 from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2021 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program (Assistance Listing 97.083) to fully fund the salary and benefits of up to fifty recruits for the Cincinnati Fire Department for three years, effective FY 2023 pending award timing; and further **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to receive and deposit the grant funds into Fire Grants Fund 472, effective beginning FY 2023 pending award timing and the recruit class start date.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$19,066,100 from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY 2021 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program (Assistance Listing 97.083) to fully fund the salary and benefits of up to 50 recruits for the Cincinnati Fire Department for three years, effective FY 2023 pending award timing. Approval of this Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to receive and deposit the grant funds into Fire Grants Fund 472, effective starting FY 2023 pending award timing and the recruit class start date.

This grant does not require matching funds. However, the grant will not fund the purchase of non-personnel expenses for the recruit class, including uniforms, personal protective equipment (PPE), psychological testing, books, and other ancillary items needed to train and outfit the class, totaling up to \$649,218. Funding to support the non-personnel expenditures is expected to be included in the Recommended FY 2023 Budget Update.

There are 50.0 FTE associated with the grant. However, the authorized budgeted sworn strength will not be exceeded.

The Cincinnati Fire Department has already applied for the grant to meet the February 4, 2022, deadline but will not accept funding without City Council approval.

This Ordinance is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “create a more livable community” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

