

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$60,000 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY 2026 Violence Against Women Act Grant Program (ALN 16.588) to support the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Advocate Project in collaboration with Women Helping Women; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 26VAWA.

WHEREAS, Women Helping Women (“WHW”) provides crisis intervention services for victims of domestic violence throughout the police investigation and court process; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Advocate Program (“DVLEAP”) is a collaboration between the Cincinnati Police Department (“CPD”) and WHW; and

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$60,000 is available from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY 2026 Violence Against Women Act Grant Program, which CPD may use to support DVLEAP; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, 100 percent of the grant funding will be provided to WHW to support the salaries of two Domestic Violence Advocates who staff the DVLEAP; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires matching funds of up to \$20,000, which will be provided through the services of WHW staff; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, because the grant application deadline was July 7, 2026, the City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, providing resources to WHW to assist victims of domestic violence is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as set forth on pages 156-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$60,000 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY 2026 Violence Against Women Act Grant Program (ALN 16.588) to support the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Advocate Project in collaboration with Women Helping Women.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 26VAWA.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2026

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk