

June 5, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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

202401528

Subject: **Ordinance – Police: FY 2024 Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Policy and Implementation Program**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$1,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2024 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies (ALN 16.835), to assist with expansion of the Cincinnati Police Department’s existing Body-Worn Camera Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24BWC.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), FY 2024 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies (ALN 16.835), assist with expanding the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD)’s existing Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program. This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24BWC.

The grant is available through the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, to support the expansion of the CPD BWC Program through BWC-related personnel, software, equipment, training, travel, and partnership programs regarding the integration of BWC digital footage with other forms of digital evidence generated by law enforcement.

The grant does not require local matching funds. There is one additional FTE/full time equivalent associated with this grant.

The grant application deadline is July 24, 2024, and CPD intends to apply for the grant by that date, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Acceptance of this grant 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  
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment