

**EMERGENCY**

**CMZ**

**- 2024**

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$350,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2024 Smart Prosecution – Innovative Prosecution Solutions Program (ALN 16.825), to create a criminal case management screening program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into General Government Grants Fund 404x8544, Department of Law project account no. 25IPSP.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$350,000 is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2024 Smart Prosecution – Innovative Prosecution Solutions Program (ALN 16.825), to create a criminal case management screening program; and

WHEREAS, a criminal case management screening program will help screen criminal cases to ensure that they are strong cases and have the necessary evidence to go forward; and

WHEREAS, the grant does not require a local match; and

WHEREAS, there are two new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the grant for a Screening Attorney and a Screening Paralegal; and

WHEREAS, the City has already applied for the grant prior to the deadline of May 6, 2024, but funding will not be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, establishing a criminal case management screening program is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[m]anage our financial resources” as described on pages 199-205 and the strategy to “[s]pend public funds more strategically” as described on page 202 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 \$350,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2024 Smart Prosecution – Innovative Prosecution Solutions Program (ALN 16.825), to create a criminal case management screening program.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant resources into General Government Grants Fund 404x8544, Department of Law project account no. 25IPSP.

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

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the need for the timely acceptance of grant funds.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk