

August 5, 2024

**To:** Members of the Budget and Finance Committee  
**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
**Subject:** **Ordinance – Police: Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, FY 2024 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (ALN 16.607), to provide the Cincinnati Police Department with reimbursement of up to \$298,014 for bulletproof vest body armor expenditures for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026, which are estimated at \$596,028; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25VEST.

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The FY 2024 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (ALN 16.607) is available through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, to provide the Cincinnati Police Department with a maximum allowable reimbursement amount of up to fifty percent of the departmental expenditure for bulletproof vest body armor in Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026, up to a maximum of \$298,014. The departmental expenditure for bulletproof vest body armor is expected to be \$596,028 for the next two fiscal years.

The City applied for this grant prior to the deadline of June 10, 2024, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant, and no matching funds are required.

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

