

EMERGENCY

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- 2022

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.

WHEREAS, there is a grant available in the approximate amount of \$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), which will be used to fully fund the salary and benefits of up to fifty recruits in the Cincinnati Fire Department for three years; and

WHEREAS, the grant will provide resources for a new recruit class resulting in up to fifty additional FTEs but will not result in the authorized budgeted sworn strength being exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the grant will provide 100% of the salary and fringe benefit costs of the new recruit class for three years, without requiring matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the grant will not fund the purchase of non-personnel expenses for the recruit class, including uniforms, personal protective equipment, psychological testing, books, and other ancillary items needed to train and outfit the class, totaling up to \$649,218; and

WHEREAS, funding to support the non-personnel expenditures is expected to be included in the Recommended FY 2023 Budget Update; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is in accord with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on page 156 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 in an amount up to \$19,066,100 from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency

Management Agency FY 2021 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant Program (SAFER) Grant Program (Assistance Listing 97.083) to fully fund the salary and benefits of up to fifty recruits in the Cincinnati Fire Department for three years, effective FY 2023 pending award timing.

Section 2. That the Finance Director is authorized 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.

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

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 to ensure acceptance of the grant within 30 days of the award, as required by the grant.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk