

September 5, 2023

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202301941

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Police: July 2023 TechCred Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$2,000 from the State of Ohio Department of Development’s TechCred Credential Reimbursement Program for eligible costs incurred by the Cincinnati Police Department in providing its employees with technology-focused credentials; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8533.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$2,000 from the State of Ohio Department of Development (ODOD)’s TechCred Credential Reimbursement Program for eligible costs incurred by the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) in providing its employees with technology-focused credentials. This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8533.

The TechCred Credential Reimbursement Program has been designed to elevate the skills of Ohio’s workforce by reimbursing employers for costs associated with employees acquiring technology-focused, industry-recognized credentials requiring one year or less to complete using external training providers.

The grant application deadline was July 31, 2023, and CPD has already submitted its application, but no funds will be accepted without City Council approval.

While the program does not require matching funds, an agency contribution is preferred and favored. As such, CPD intends to provide matching funds of \$500, which will be provided from Federal Asset Forfeiture – Justice Fund 367.

There are no new FTEs associated with the reimbursement program.

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 reason for the emergency is the need to ensure timely acceptance of any grant funds awarded.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

