

April 30, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202500921

Subject: Ordinance – Police: FY 2025 Police Reform and Equitable Justice Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$175,000 through the FY 2025 Police Reform and Equitable Justice Grant Program from the United States Conference of Mayors and the Target Corporation to support and promote police policies and practices shown to be effective in advancing equitable treatment of all residents of Cincinnati; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 25TUSM.

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If the grant is awarded, the Cincinnati Police Department will use the resources to partner with the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board to provide a police detail at the Crisis Receiving Center. The Crisis Receiving Center, which is expected to open in July 2025, will be located in the Clifton neighborhood and will provide short-term assessment, observation, and crisis stabilization services for individuals experiencing a crisis that does not meet the criteria for hospitalization.

The grant application deadline was April 18, 2025, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council. The grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the grant.

Acceptance of this grant is 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
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

