

August 1, 2022

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager 202201623

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Police: FY 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$591,655, effective FY 2023, from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, through the FY 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Area Security Initiative (ALN 97.067), for the purpose of providing funding for clothing, communications equipment, physical barriers, and license plate reader mobile cameras for the Cincinnati Police Department’s Special Weapons and Tactics team and Civil Disturbance Response Team; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant resources into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 22UASI.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$591,655, effective FY 2023, from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the FY 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program, Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) (ALN 97.067), for the purpose of providing funding for clothing, communications equipment, physical barriers, and license plate reader mobile cameras for the Cincinnati Police Department’s Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team and Civil Disturbance Response Team (CDRT). This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 22UASI.

The grant is one of three programs that constitute the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) with a focus on enhancing the ability of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to prevent, protect, respond, and recover from terrorist attacks. The Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency serves as the regional fiscal agency, and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) serves as the state administrative agency for DHS and FEMA.

The grant application deadline for Hamilton County was June 10, 2022. The grant application deadline for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was June 13, 2022. Should this Emergency Ordinance not be approved, the grant award will not be accepted.

The grant does not require any matching funds and would not create any additional FTEs.

Acceptance of this ordinance is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the awarded funds in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment