

August 3, 2026

To: Members of the Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202602465

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Police: FY 2026 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,039,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2026 Invited to Apply - Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program (ALN 16.753) to support the Cincinnati Police Department's Camera Technology Project; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 26CPF.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,039,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2026 Invited to Apply – Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program (ALN 16.753) to support the Cincinnati Police Department's Camera Technology Project. This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 26CPF.

The grant is available through the Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program, which directs federal funding for designated projects to eligible entities identified in the Congressional Joint Explanatory Statement, to support the Camera Technology Project. The Camera Technology Project will enhance differential response to calls for service through enhanced camera technology, the adoption of innovative, immersive technology, and enhancements to the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) for the Cincinnati Police Department.

The grant does not require matching funds. There are 2.0 new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the grant.

The City has already applied for the grant to meet the application deadline of July 31, 2026, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Providing resources to support the Camera Technology Project is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "[c]reate a more livable community" as described on pages 156-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to ensure the timely acceptance of grant funds.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director



Attachment