

June 5, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – Police: FY 2024 State Homeland Security Program Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$275,000, effective in FY 2025, through a Fiscal Year 2024 State Homeland Security Program Grant (ALN 97.067) from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, administered by the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, to enhance and sustain the Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24SHSP.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$275,000, effective in FY 2025, through a Fiscal Year 2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant (ALN 97.067) from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), administered by the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA), to enhance and sustain the Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center (GCFC) (Fusion Center). This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24SHSP.

The Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) manages the Fusion Center, which serves to combat potential domestic extremism, violence, and terrorist activity, and serves as a focal point for the receipt, gathering, analysis, and sharing of threat-related information between local, tribal, territorial, state, and federal partners, and private sector stakeholders. If awarded and accepted, the grant funds will be used to cover salary and fringe benefit costs for the Supervisory Intelligence Analyst (SIA) and a contracted cybersecurity analyst at the Fusion Center, as well as costs related to software, training, and other equipment for the Fusion Center.

The application deadline is June 24, 2024, and CPD intends to apply by this date, however, no grant funds will be accepted without City Council approval.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant. Although the grant does not require matching funds, should the salary and benefits for the SIA surpass the FY24 SHSP Grant allowance, these costs will be provided from the CPD General Fund Operating Budget.

Acceptance of the FY24 SHSP 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 Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment