

August 4, 2025

**To:** Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202501548

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

**Subject:** **Ordinance – Police: FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$97,430 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (ALN 16.738), administered by the Office of Criminal Justice Services, to aid in reducing violent juvenile crime in Cincinnati; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 23JAGVCR.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$97,430 from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (ALN 16.738), administered by the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), to aid in reducing violent juvenile crime in Cincinnati. This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 23JAGVCR.

The Cincinnati Police Department developed the Place-Based Investigations of Violent Offender Territories (PIVOT) program to reduce violence by identifying and disrupting offender networks in chronic hot spots through focused deterrence and place-based interventions.

The grant will provide resources to enhance PIVOT, with a focus on areas that are considered hot spots for juvenile-related violent crime, in an effort to reduce violence through targeted enforcement and intervention strategies.

Although Ordinance No. 0101-2025 authorized the City Manager to apply for this same funding through the FY 2025 State of Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program, the Office of Criminal Justice Services has instead decided to fund the project through the FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

The City has already applied for the grant in accordance with Ordinance No. 0101-2025, but no grant funds will be accepted from the alternative funding source without approval by the City Council.

The FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program requires a local match, but the Office of Criminal Justice Services has advised that the Cincinnati Police Department file a request to waive the local match requirement. 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 156-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment