

September 10, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, Interim City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – FY 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$253,800 from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, FY 2020 Local Solicitation (CFDA #16.738); and further **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to appropriate the grant proceeds in the total amount of up to \$253,800 for purposes of funding the Police Visibility Overtime Program, the Sexual Assault Advocate Program contract with Women Helping Women, and Hamilton County Pre-Trial Services.

This Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$253,800 from the Office of Criminal Justice Services, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) (CDFA # 16.378). This grant, the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG), is shared with Hamilton County, a 50/50 split, with the City receiving an additional 10% for administration for a total of \$139,590 (with \$114,210 to Hamilton County Pre-Trial Services). The Police Department will use the grant funds for Police Visibility Overtime (PVO) and a Sexual Assault Advocate contract with Women Helping Women. There is no FTE or local match requirement.

This Emergency Ordinance would also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478, Project Account No. 20JAG.

As the grant application deadline was August 19, 2020, the Cincinnati Police Department has applied for this grant prior to this Emergency Ordinance receiving approval from the City Council. Should this Emergency Ordinance not be approved, the grant funding will not be accepted.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "Create a more livable community" as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the need to immediately accept the funds when awarded in September 2020.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

