



EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$31,250,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (“COPS”), FY 2021 COPS Hiring Program (ALN 16.710), for the purpose of creating and filling up to 250 entry-level, sworn Police Officer positions within the Cincinnati Police Department over a five year grant period to provide an opportunity for the Police Department to increase its sworn strength levels; and further **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to receive and deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$31,250,000 is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (“COPS”), FY 2021 COPS Hiring Program (ALN 16.710) for the purpose of creating and filling up to 250 entry-level sworn Police Officer positions within the Cincinnati Police Department over a five year grant period; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant would provide an opportunity for the Police Department to increase its sworn strength levels; and

WHEREAS, an additional 250 FTEs will result from this grant; and

WHEREAS, the COPS Hiring Program grant requires matching funds of up to \$20,724,250 depending upon the exact amount of the grant award; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Police Department must retain all sworn Police Officer FTE positions awarded under the grant for a minimum of twelve months following the thirty-six month federal funding period per position; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Police Department already applied for the grant to meet the June 22, 2021 deadline, but will not accept funds without City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the grant is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “create a more livable community” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$31,250,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (“COPS”), FY 2021 COPS Hiring Program for the purpose of creating and filling up to 250 entry-level, sworn Police Officer positions within the Cincinnati Police Department over

five year grant period to provide an opportunity for the Police Department to increase its sworn strength levels.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to receive and deposit the grant funds into the Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 21COPS.

Section 3. That the required local match of up to \$20,724,250 will be funded from General Fund Police Department operating budget.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 3 herein.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the need to ensure acceptance of the grant within 30 days of award, as required by the grant.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk