

August 2, 2021

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202102550
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – FY 2021 COPS Hiring Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

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.

This Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$31,250,000 in FY 2021 COPS Hiring Program funds from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to hire of up to 250 entry-level police officers in three recruit classes over five years. As a condition of the award, the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) will retain all grant funded positions for a minimum of 12 months beyond the 36 month per position funding period. This Emergency Ordinance would also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 21COPS.

The grant application deadline was June 22, 2021. As such, CPD has applied for this grant before receiving approval from the City Council. Should this Emergency Ordinance not be approved, the grant funds will not be accepted. This grant would create up to 250 additional FTEs and carries a local match requirement of at least \$20,724,250, variable depending on exact award and the local match percentage amount.

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 ensure acceptance of the grant within 30 days of award, as required by the grant.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment