

June 7, 2023

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202301562  
**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
**Subject:** **Ordinance – Police: FY 2023 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for in FY 2023, and accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$60,000, effective FY 2024 pending award timing, from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY 2023 Violence Against Women Act Grant Program (ALN 16.588) to support the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Advocate Project, in collaboration with Women Helping Women; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 23VAWA, effective FY 2024 pending award timing.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for in FY 2023, and accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$60,000, effective FY 2024 pending award timing, from the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), FY 2023 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program (ALN 16.588) to support the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Advocate Project (DVLEAP), in collaboration with Women Helping Women (WHW). This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 23VAWA, effective FY 2024 pending award timing.

This grant is available through the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of supporting the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Advocate Project (DVLEAP). DVLEAP is a collaboration between the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) and Women Helping Women (WHW). WHW provides crisis intervention services for victims of domestic violence throughout the police investigation and court process.

The grant application deadline was June 5, 2023, but no funds will be accepted without approval of the City Council.

There are no new FTEs associated with this grant. The grant does require a local match of \$20,000, to be provided by WHW.

Acceptance of this 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

