

February 4, 2026

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202600238  
**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
**Subject:** Ordinance – Police: FY 2025 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Grant

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$112,790 from the FY 2025 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund through the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, to provide resources for personnel costs related to investigations conducted pursuant to Title III of the Federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 26ODLE.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$112,790 from the FY 2025 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund through the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, to provide resources for personnel costs related to investigations conducted pursuant to Title III of the Federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 26ODLE.

Electronic surveillance is cost-intensive, progressive, and requires tremendous amounts of employee time. These grant resources will supplement Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) resources to aid in the disruption and dismantling of drug trafficking organizations operating in Cincinnati, thereby reducing illicit drug distribution, decreasing overdoses and overdose fatalities, and reducing drug-related violence and crime.

The grant requires an in-kind match of up to \$37,600, which will be provided through CPD investigators' on-duty time. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

The City has already applied for this grant, but no funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Acceptance of this grant is in 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