

January 22, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202600160

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – Police: Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2025 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (ALN 16.607), to provide the Cincinnati Police Department with reimbursement of up to \$263,250 for bulletproof vest body armor expenditures for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, which are estimated at \$526,500; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 26VEST.

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The FY 2025 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (ALN 16.607) is available through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, to provide the Cincinnati Police Department with a maximum allowable reimbursement amount of up to fifty percent of the departmental expenditure for bulletproof vest body armor in Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, up to a maximum of \$263,250. The departmental expenditure for bulletproof vest body armor is expected to be \$526,500 for the next two fiscal years.

The City applied for this grant prior to the deadline of December 19, 2025, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant, and no matching funds are required.

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

