

June 23, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager *CB for PBM* 202102350

Subject: Ordinance – FY 2021 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY2021 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, which would provide the Cincinnati Police Department with reimbursement of up to \$146,000 for bulletproof vest body armor expenditures, related to the projected departmental expenditures in Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 for bulletproof vest body armor that is approximated to be \$292,000; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 22VEST.

This Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant for up to the amount of to \$146,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), FY 2021 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program. The Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) estimates spending up to \$292,000 for ballistic vests over the next two years (FY 2022 and FY 2023). If awarded, the BVP program will reimburse the CPD for 50% of the cost of each unit of body armor or up to \$146,000.

This Ordinance will also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 22VEST. The grant application deadline is June 14, 2021. As a result, the Cincinnati Police Department will have applied for this grant prior to this Ordinance receiving approval from the City Council. Should this Ordinance not be approved, the grant funding will not be accepted. The grant does not require matching funds, nor would add any additional FTEs.

This Ordinance is in accordance with the Live goal to “Create a more livable community” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment