

May 26, 2021

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202102022

**From:** Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

**Subject:** **Ordinance – FY 2021 Violence Against Woman Act (VAWA) Grant Program**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$60,000 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY21 Violence Against Women Act Grant Program, to support two domestic violence advocates from Women Helping Women.

This Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant for up to the amount of up to \$60,000 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), FY21 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program to support two domestic violence advocates from Women Helping Women (WHW) for the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Advocate Program (DVLEAP). The DVLEAP is a collaborative project between the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) and WHW which provides crisis intervention services for victims of domestic violence throughout the police investigation and court case.

This Ordinance would also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 21VAWA.

The grant application deadline is June 2, 2021. The grant requires matching funds of \$20,000 provided by WHW for total project cost of \$80,000. Although WHW receives the funding, the CPD serves as the implementing agency. This grant would not create 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

