


June 14, 2023

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

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  202301607

**Subject:** Ordinance – Police: FY 2023 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,000,000, effective FY 2024, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2023 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies (ALN 16.835) to assist with expansion of the Cincinnati Police Department’s existing Body-Worn Camera Program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds, effective FY 2024, into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23BWC.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,000,000, effective FY 2024, from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), FY 2023 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies (ALN 16.835), for the purpose of providing assistance with expansion of the Cincinnati Police Department’s existing Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program. This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds, effective FY 2024, into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23BWC.

The grant is available through the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, to support the expansion of the CPD BWC Program through BWC-related personnel, software, equipment, training, travel, and partnership programs regarding the integration of BWC digital footage with other forms of digital evidence generated by law enforcement.

In order to meet the grant application deadline of April 11, 2023, CPD applied prior to receiving City Council approval. Should this Ordinance not be approved, the grant award will not be accepted.

The grant does not require local matching funds. There are no additional FTEs associated with this grant; however, 4.0 additional temporary personnel result from this grant.

Acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director  
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment