

January 26, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager **202200146**

Subject: Ordinance – Police: FY 2021 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$106,470 from the State of Ohio, Office of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of funding personnel costs and equipment for investigations conducted pursuant to Title III of the federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 22ODLE.

This Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$106,470 from the State of Ohio, Office of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of funding personnel costs and equipment for investigations conducted pursuant to Title III of the federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. The Ordinance would further authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 22ODLE.

Electronic surveillance is cost intensive, progressive and requires a tremendous amount of manpower. If awarded, this grant will supplement Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) resources; helping to bridge the fiscal gap to abate drug trafficking organization operations, thereby reducing illicit drug distribution, drug overdoses and fatalities, and drug-related violence and crime.

The grant requires matching funds of \$35,500, which will be provided from Narcotics Unit investigators' on-duty time. There are no new FTE associated with this grant. As the grant application deadline was January 6, 2022, the Cincinnati Police Department has 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.

This Ordinance 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 M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment