

March 27, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – Cincinnati Fire Department (CFD): FY 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,814,329 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (ALN 97.044) to provide resources for the purchase of a heavy rescue apparatus and for professional development training for career firefighters; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Fire Grants and Donations Fund 472, revenue account no. 472x8542.

Approval of this Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), FY 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, (ALN 97.044) of up to \$1,814,329 to provide resources for the purchase of heavy rescue apparatus and for professional development training for career firefighters. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit grant resources into Fire Grants and Donations Fund 472, revenue account no. 472x8542.

CFD will utilize grant resources to purchase a heavy rescue apparatus and cover backfill overtime for firefighters receiving professional development training through the CFD Officer Training Program or the CFD Fire Apparatus Operator Professional Development Course.

Acceptance of this grant requires a local cost-share match of \$164,940. \$120,624 of the local match will be provided from existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x272x242704, "Fire Equipment," and will be used to provide fire equipment necessary to outfit the heavy rescue apparatus. An additional \$44,316 of the local match will be provided from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund operating budget account no. 050x271x7100 and will partially offset the backfill overtime costs associated with the officer training component.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the acceptance of this grant.

The City applied for the grant prior to the deadline of March 7, 2024, but no grant resources will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "[c]reate a more livable community" as described on pages 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

