

August 3, 2026

To: Members of the Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Ordinance – Fire: FY 2025 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 \$393,678 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (ALN 97.044) to provide resources for Cincinnati Fire Department personnel to attend Safety Officer Training; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Fire Grants and Donations Fund 472, revenue account no. 472x8542.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$393,678 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), FY 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (ALN 97.044) to provide resources for Cincinnati Fire Department personnel to attend Safety Officer Training. This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Fire Grants and Donations Fund 472 revenue account no. 472x8542.

This grant is available from Federal Emergency Management Agency's FY 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The Fire Department intends to utilize the grant resources to purchase classroom materials, pay certification fees, and pay backfill overtime to allow Cincinnati Fire Department personnel to attend Safety Officer Training.

Acceptance of the grant requires a local match of ten percent, or approximately \$39,368. The local match will be paid from existing Fire Department operating budget appropriations. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

The City has already applied for the grant to meet the application deadline of June 22, 2026, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council. Grant awards are expected to be announced in September 2026.

Providing resources for Cincinnati Fire Department personnel to attend Safety Officer Training is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "[c]reate a more livable community" as described on pages 156-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

