

July 31, 2023

**To:** Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202301847

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

**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – Police: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$297,062 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – Local Solicitation (ALN 16.738) to provide funding for additional Police Visibility Overtime and for the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478, project account no. 23JAG.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$297,062 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – Local Solicitation (ALN 16.738) to provide funding for additional Police Visibility Overtime (PVO) and for the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women (WHW). This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478, project account no. 23JAG.

The FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – Local Solicitation is available through the U.S. Department of Justice to be jointly awarded to the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The City and the County will negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) intended to specify that the grant will be divided equally, less a ten percent administrative fee charge to the County by the City, resulting in a total received by the City of up to \$163,384.

The grant application deadline is August 31, 2023, and the City may submit its application prior to City Council approval, but no grant funds will be accepted without City Council approval.

There are no new FTEs associated with this grant, and no matching funds are required.

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 reason for the emergency is to ensure timely acceptance of the grant funds.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

