

August 4, 2025

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202501554

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Police: FY 2023 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$83,000 in FY 2023 Project Safe Neighborhoods funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance coordinated by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Ohio, and administered by the Office of Criminal Justice Services (ALN 16.609), for the purchase and implementation of a deterrence and prevention-based curriculum to complement efforts to address juvenile violent crime; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 23PSN.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$83,000 in FY 2023 Project Safe Neighborhoods funds from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) coordinated by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Ohio, and administered by the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) (ALN 16.609), for the purchase and implementation of a deterrence and prevention-based curriculum to complement efforts to address juvenile violent crime. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 23PSN.

The Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative supports projects that lead to a sustained reduction in violent crime, including criminal gang activities and the felonious possession and use of firearms.

The grant application deadline was June 30, 2025, and the City applied for the grant prior to receiving City Council approval, but no funds will be accepted without City Council approval. The grant does not require matching funds, and no new FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with the grant.

Acceptance of this grant 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 reason for the emergency is the immediate need to ensure timely acceptance of grant funds.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment