

August 3, 2026

To: Members of the Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202602490

Subject: **Ordinance – Police: FY 2024 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$86,695 in FY 2024 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 of supplies and equipment and the implementation of enhanced hot spot policing efforts, including augmented directed patrol and Police Visibility Overtime to increase community engagement and address violent crime; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24PSN.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$86,695 in FY 2024 Project Safe Neighborhoods funds from the U.S. 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 of supplies and equipment and the implementation of enhanced hot spot policing efforts, including augmented directed patrol and Police Visibility Overtime (PVO) to increase community engagement and address violent crime. This Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24PSN.

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 9, 2026, and the City applied for the grant prior to receiving City Council approval, but no funds will be accepted without approval of the City Council. 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 Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

