

May 28, 2026

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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

**Subject: Ordinance – Police: FY 2027 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (“STEP”) grant of up to \$75,000 for FY 2027 from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office (ALN 20.600) to aid in reducing deaths and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the STEP grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 26STEP.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant of up to \$75,000, for FY 2027, from the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) (ALN 20.600). This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 26STEP.

The STEP grant aims to reduce deaths and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents due to speeding, loss of control, restraint violations, and operating a vehicle under the influence through high visibility enforcement efforts.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant, and no matching funds are required.

The grant application deadline was May 14, 2026, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without City Council approval.

Aiding in reducing deaths and injuries resulting from vehicular accidents 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