

October 11, 2023

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

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

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**Subject: Ordinance – Cincinnati Fire Department: FY 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$18,884,111 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program (ALN 97.083) to fully fund the salary and benefits of up to fifty fire recruits in the Cincinnati Fire Department for three years; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Fire Grants Fund 472, revenue account no. 472x8542.

Approval of this Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$18,884,111 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), FY 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program, (ALN 97.083) to fully fund the salary and benefits of up to fifty fire recruits in the Cincinnati Fire Department for three years. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit grant funds into Fire Grant Fund 472, revenue account no. 472x8542.

The Cincinnati Fire Department will utilize grant resources to fully fund the salary and benefits of up to fifty fire recruits for three years. A recruit class will result in fifty additional FTEs; however, CFD's authorized budgeted sworn strength will not be exceeded.

The grant would not provide resources for non-personnel expenses related to the recruit class, including uniforms, personal protective equipment (PPE), psychological testing, books, and other items needed to train and outfit the class, totaling an estimated \$804,617. Resources for these items are provided in the Approved Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Biennial Budget.

The City applied for the grant prior to the deadline of March 17, 2023, but no grant resources will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Accepting these grant resources is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "[c]reate a more livable community" as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment