

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$6,250,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY 2024 COPS Hiring Program (ALN 16.710) to hire up to fifty entry-level police officers; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24COPS.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$6,250,000 is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (“COPS”), FY 2024 COPS Hiring Program (ALN 16.710) to hire up to fifty entry-level police officers within the Cincinnati Police Department (“CPD”); and

WHEREAS, an additional fifty FTEs will result from this grant; and

WHEREAS, the COPS Hiring Program grant requires matching funds of up to \$9,526,825 depending upon the exact amount of the grant award and the percentage of local match, which will be provided by CPD’s General Fund Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, the grant covers salary and fringe benefit expenses up to \$125,000 over three years per position; and

WHEREAS, CPD must retain all grant funded police officer positions for a minimum of twelve months following the 36 month grant funding period per position; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline is June 12, 2024, and the City intends to apply for the grant by that date, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, 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); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$6,250,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY 2024 COPS Hiring Program (ALN 16.710) to hire up to fifty entry-level police officers.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24COPS.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk