

January 11, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202300262
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: Ordinance – Police: FY 2023 Law Enforcement Recruitment Fund Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$168,053 in FY 2023 Office of Law Enforcement Recruitment funds from the State of Ohio, Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, for the purpose of developing the Cincinnati Police Department recruiting process, specifically the Cadet Apprenticeship Program, to include emphasis on recruitment of women and minorities; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23LERF.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$168,053 in FY 2023 Office of Law Enforcement Recruitment funds from the State of Ohio, Department of Public Safety (ODPS), Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), for the purpose of developing the Cincinnati Police Department recruiting process, specifically the Cadet Apprenticeship Program, to include emphasis on recruitment of women and minorities. This Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant resources into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23LERF.

The FY 2023 Office of Law Enforcement Recruitment Fund Grant is available through the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, for the purpose of developing and improving the police recruiting process. The Cincinnati Police Department Cadet Apprenticeship Program recruitment process will aim to establish a foundation for the apprenticeship program model as well as increase female and minority officers within the Police Department.

The grant application deadline was December 16, 2022, and the Cincinnati Police Department applied for the grant prior to receiving City Council approval. Should this Ordinance not be approved, the grant award will not be accepted. The grant does not require matching funds and no new FTEs are associated with this grant.

Acceptance of this grant is accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on pages 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment