

**EMERGENCY**

CNS

**-2023**

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a FY 2023 Virtual Reality De-Escalation Site-Based Initiative Grant of up to \$800,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (ALN 16.054), to develop and operate technology solutions to improve officer training; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23VRDI.

WHEREAS, there is a FY 2023 Virtual Reality De-Escalation Site-Based Initiative Grant of up to \$800,000 available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (ALN 16.054), to develop and operate technology solutions to improve officer training through the utilization of virtual reality-based technology and provide for specialized training focused on de-escalation of situations involving individuals in crisis; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline was July 6, 2023, and the City applied for the grant prior to the deadline, but no grant funds will be accepted without Council approval; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant requires no matching funds, and no FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with this grant; 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 FY 2023 Virtual Reality De-Escalation Site-Based Initiative Grant of up to \$800,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (ALN 16.054), to develop and operate technology solutions to improve officer training.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23VRDI.

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

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is to ensure timely acceptance of the grant funds.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk