

June 14, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

202301608

Subject: Ordinance – Police: FY 2023 Preventing School Violence: STOP School Violence Program (SSVP)

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,000,000, effective FY 2024, in Federal FY 2023 Preventing School Violence: STOP School Violence Program (SSVP) funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (ALN 16.839), to develop and operate school safety strategies to improve school safety; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23SSVP.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,000,000, effective for FY 2024, in Federal FY 2023 Preventing School Violence: STOP School Violence Program (SSVP) funds from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) (ALN 16.839), to develop and operate school safety strategies to improve school safety. This Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23SSVP.

The grant is available through the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, to support the improvement of school safety through technology solutions, specialized training of school personnel, hiring of school support personnel such as school-based violence interrupters, and educating students on school violence prevention. The school-based violence interrupters funded by this grant would work independently in the schools as part of a School Resource Officer co-responder model.

In order to meet the grant application deadline of May 15, 2023, CPD applied prior to receiving City Council approval. Should this Ordinance not be approved, the grant award will not be accepted.

The grant does not require local matching funds. There are no additional FTEs associated with this grant; however, 5.0 additional temporary personnel will result from this grant during the period of performance, October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2026.

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).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment