

June 5, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202401517

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – Police: Technology and Equipment Program for Congressionally Directed Spending**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,500,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) through the Technology and Equipment Program for Congressionally Directed Spending (ALN 16.710), to support the Cincinnati Police Department's camera technology and the Emergency Communications Center's Alternative Response to Crisis program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25CDS.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,500,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Technology and Equipment Program Congressionally Directed Spending (ALN 16.710), to support the Cincinnati Police Department's (CPD) camera technology and the Emergency Communications Center's (ECC) Alternative Response to Crisis (ARC) Program.

The camera technology project will enhance CPD's current camera technology by adding cameras and improving technological capabilities to prevent and deter criminal activity, as well as assist with evidence collection, crowd monitoring, and traffic management. If awarded, the grant funds will also be used to strengthen the ECC's Alternative Response to Crisis program by adding personnel to the program.

The grant application deadline was March 21, 2024, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Senator Sherrod Brown will release requested projects in May 2024 to be reviewed by the United States Senate Appropriations Committee. If approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee, CPD may be required to complete an additional grant application.

The grant requires no matching funds. The grant requires the addition of four FTEs/full time equivalents for the Alternative Response to Crisis program.

Acceptance of these grant resources 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

