

June 5, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager *WLS*

**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – Police: FY 2024 In Canal Hearing Protection Product Grant**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, FY 2024 Ohio Law Enforcement Pilot Program: In Canal Hearing Protection Product, to support hearing protection of Cincinnati Police Department officers; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept up to 94 hearing protection units, valued at up to \$37,506, pursuant to the grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), FY 2024 Ohio Law Enforcement Pilot Program: In Canal Hearing Protection Product, to support hearing protection of Cincinnati Police Department officers. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to accept up to 94 hearing protection units, valued at up to \$37,506, pursuant to the grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services.

The grant is available through the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services and was announced in January 2024. Through the grant, OCJS is disseminating in canal hearing protection products that can accomplish a minimum noise reduction of 25 decibels and a maximum output of 80 decibels.

There are no matching funds and no additional FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

The City already applied for this grant by pre-registering for the opportunity with OCJS, but no resources will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Acceptance of this award 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 reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the hearing protection equipment in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment