


March 19, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  202500523

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Police: FY 2025 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Community Awareness Project**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$3,536 from the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Community Awareness Project to provide resources for the Cincinnati Police Department’s Victims Assistance Liaison Unit and the Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses program to host the 9th Annual Homicide Memorial Ceremony; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8533, project account no. 25CVRW.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$3,536 from the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Community Awareness Project to provide resources for the Cincinnati Police Department’s Victims Assistance Liaison Unit (VALU) and the Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses (CCROW) program to host the 9th Annual Homicide Memorial Ceremony. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8533, project account no. 25CVRW.

The National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Community Awareness Project grant is available to support innovative and collaborative approaches to promoting community-wide public awareness of the rights and available services for victims of all types of crimes during National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, which occurs April 7-11, 2025.

The theme of the 9th Annual Homicide Memorial Ceremony is Connecting, Kinship, and Healing. There will be a gallery of artwork, the “Calling of the Names” by family members in honor of their loved ones, and community partners tabling with information and resources related to support programs for crime victims.

The grant application deadline was February 28, 2025, and the City has already applied for the grant and received notification of award on March 11, 2025, but no funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

The grant requires no local matching funds. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

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

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment