

May 29, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **Ordinance – Police: Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) for Congressionally Directed Spending – Senator Moreno**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,500,200, effective in FY 2026, 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 and Emergency Communications Center's adoption of enhanced technology to improve differential response to calls for service; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 26MCDS.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,500,200, effective in FY 2026, from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) through the Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) for Congressionally Directed Spending (ALN 16.710) to provide resources for the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) and the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) to adopt innovative, immersive technology focused on improving differential response to calls for service.

The grant funds will be used to support the collaboration between the Real Time Crime Center, the 311 Community Responders Program, and the Drone Program to reduce response time.

The grant application deadline was April 11, 2025, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

Senator Bernie Moreno will soon release requested projects to be reviewed by the United States Senate Appropriations Committee. If approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee, the City may be required to complete an additional grant application.

The grant requires no matching funds. The grant requires the addition of two FTEs/full time equivalents.

Acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "[c]reate a more livable community" as described on pages 156-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director



Attachment