

June 5, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – Police: FY 2024 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 2025, in Federal FY 2024 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 Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24SSVP.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,000,000, effective FY 2025, in Federal FY 2024 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 368x8553, project account no. 24SSVP.

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 (SRO) co-responder model.

The grant application deadline is June 20, 2024, and the City intends to apply for the grant by that date, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

The grant does not require local matching funds. There are no additional FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; however, five additional temporary personnel will result from this grant during the period of performance, from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2027.

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