

March 6, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – Police: FY 2023 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$135,030.86 from the FY 2023 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund through the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services to provide resources for personnel costs related to investigations conducted pursuant to Title III of the Federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 24ODLE.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$135,030.86 from the FY 2023 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund through the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to provide resources for personnel costs related to investigations pursuant to Title III of the Federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, which establishes procedures for lawful electronic surveillance. This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 24ODLE.

Electronic surveillance is cost-intensive, progressive, and requires tremendous amounts of manpower. These grant resources will supplement Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) resources to aid in the disruption and dismantling of drug trafficking organizations operating in Cincinnati, thereby reducing illicit drug distribution, decreasing overdoses and overdose fatalities, and reducing drug-related violence and crime.

The City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council.

The grant requires matching resources of \$44,976.68. This match will be provided from CPD investigators' on-duty time. 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 pages 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

