

June 5, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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

Subject: **Ordinance – Police: FY 2024 Promoting Access to Crisis Teams (PACT)
– Community Policing Development Solicitation**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$400,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY 2024 Promoting Access to Crisis Teams – Community Policing Development Solicitation Grant Program (ALN 16.710) to support the Cincinnati Police Department’s Veterans Response Team expansion; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24PACT.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$400,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), FY 2024 Promoting Access to Crisis Teams – Community Policing Development Solicitation Grant Program (ALN 16.710) to support the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD)’s Veterans Response Team expansion. This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 24PACT.

The CPD Veterans Response Team provides sworn officers who are veterans to be dispatched on service calls where veterans are in distress. The CPD intends to use the grant funds to support expansion of the program, potentially to include consultants, research, training and travel, and a regional event at the Police Academy.

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

The grant application deadline was May 21, 2024, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

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