

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,500,000, effective in FY 2025, 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's camera technology and the Emergency Communications Center's Alternative Response to Crisis program; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25CDS.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$1,500,000 is available 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 provide resources for the Cincinnati Police Department's ("CPD") camera technology and the Emergency Communications Center's ("ECC") Alternative Response to Crisis program; and

WHEREAS, the camera technology project will enhance CPD's current camera technology by adding cameras and improving technological capabilities to prevent and deter criminal activity, as well as assist with evidence collection, crowd monitoring, and traffic management; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds also will strengthen the ECC's Alternative Response to Crisis program by adding personnel to the program; and

WHEREAS, the City already has submitted a Congressionally Directed Spending request to meet the March 21, 2024, request submission deadline, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sherrod Brown will release requested projects in May 2024 to be reviewed by the United States Senate Appropriations Committee; and

WHEREAS, if approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee, CPD may be required to complete an additional grant application; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires no matching funds; and

WHEREAS, four new FTEs/full time equivalents for the Alternative Response to Crisis program are associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of these grant resources is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on pages 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$1,500,000, effective in FY 2025, 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’s camera technology and the Emergency Communications Center’s Alternative Response to Crisis program.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25CDS.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk