

August 5, 2024

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202401835

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – Police: FY 2025 State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA) and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Programs**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$42,000 from the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General, State Victims Assistance Act and the federal Victims of Crime Act grant programs (ALN 16.575) to provide funds for the Cincinnati Police Department Homicide Unit's Victim Advocate; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25VALU.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$42,000 from the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General (OAG), State Victims Assistance Act and the federal Victims of Crime Act grant programs (ALN 16.575) for the purpose of providing funds for the Cincinnati Police Department Homicide Unit's Victim Advocate. This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, project account no. 25VALU.

The grant is available through the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General, for the purpose of funding the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) Homicide Unit's Victim Advocate, who provides support and advocacy to survivors of victims whose deaths are investigated by the CPD Homicide Unit.

The grant application deadline was June 24, 2024, and the City has already applied for the grant, but no funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant. The grant does require a 25 percent local match, to be provided in-kind by student volunteer hours utilized by CPD.

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

