**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$6,250,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program (ALN 16.710) to hire up to fifty entry-level police officers; and further AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 23COPS.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$6,250,000 is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS"), FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program (ALN 16.710) to hire up to fifty entry-level police officers within the Cincinnati Police Department ("CPD"); and

WHEREAS, an additional fifty FTEs will result from this grant; and

WHEREAS, the COPS Hiring Program grant requires matching funds of up to \$7,964,532, depending upon the exact amount of the grant award and the percentage of local match, which will be provided by CPD's General Fund Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, the grant covers salary and fringe benefit expenses up to \$125,000 per officer for a maximum of three years per position; and

WHEREAS, CPD must retain all grant-funded police officer positions for a minimum of twelve months following the 36 month grant funding period per position; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline is May 11, 2023, but no funds will be accepted without approval of Council; and

WHEREAS, 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); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate

a grant of up to \$6,250,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented

Policing Services, FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program (ALN 16.710) to hire of up to fifty entry-level

police officers.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to receive and deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 23COPS.

Section 3. That the required local match of up to \$7,964,532 will be funded from the Cincinnati Police Department's General Fund Operating Budget.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 through 3.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk