



May 10, 2023

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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

**Subject: Ordinance – Police: FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program Grant**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**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.

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

The FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program grant is available through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, to hire up to fifty entry-level police officers. The grant covers salary and fringe benefit expenses up to \$125,000 per officer for a maximum of three years per position.

An additional 50 FTEs will result from this grant. The COPS Hiring Program grant requires matching funds of up to \$7,964,532 depending on the exact amount of the grant award and the percentage of local match. The match will be provided by the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) General Fund Operating Budget. CPD must retain all grant funded police officer positions for a minimum of twelve months following the 36-month grant funding period per position.

The grant application deadline was May 11, 2023, and to meet the application deadline, CPD has applied for this grant, but no grant funds will be accepted prior to City Council approval.

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