

May 3, 2023

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

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

**Subject:** Ordinance – Police & Fire: FY 2023 Port Security Grant Program

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2023 Port Security Grant Program (ALN 97.056), in an amount of up to \$134,983 to support the Cincinnati Police Department's Marine Unit Emergency Response and the Port of Cincinnati Ohio River Surveillance Camera Network and up to \$262,500 to support the Cincinnati Fire Department's Fire Boat Refurbishment Project; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds in an amount up to \$134,983 for the Police Department into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8553, Project Account No. 23PORT, and to deposit the grant funds in an amount up to \$262,500 for the Fire Department into Fire Grant Fund 472x8542.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), FY 2023 Port Security Grant Program (ALN 97.056), in an amount of up to \$134,983 for the purpose of supporting the Cincinnati Police Department's Marine Unit Emergency Response and the Port of Cincinnati River Surveillance Camera Network and up to \$262,500 for the purpose of supporting the Cincinnati Fire Department's Fire Boat Refurbishment Project. This Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds in an amount up to \$134,983 for the Police Department into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368x8533, Project Account No. 23PORT, and to deposit the grant funds in an amount up to \$262,500 for the Fire Department into Fire Grant Fund 472x8542.

The FY 2023 Port Security Grant Program is available through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Emergency Management Agency, to provide support for the Cincinnati Police Department's (CPD) Marine Unit Emergency Response and the Port of Cincinnati Ohio River Surveillance Network as well as the Cincinnati Fire Department's (CFD) Fire Boat Refurbishment Project.

The grant application deadline is May 18, 2023. CPD and CFD intend to apply for the grant by that date, but no grant funds will be accepted without City Council approval.

There are no new FTEs associated with this grant. The grant requires a local match of 25% of the total project cost, or up to \$132,494. CPD will provide \$26,483 of the

matching funds for the Marine Unit Emergency Response from IRS Forfeiture Fund 373 and an in-kind match of donated staff time in the amount of \$18,511 for the Port of Cincinnati Ohio River Surveillance Camera Network. CFD will provide \$87,500 of matching funds for CFD's Fire Boat Refurbishment Project from the Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x7200.

Acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "[c]reate a more livable community" as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director  
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment