

June 1, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council **202301509**

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – Police: FY 2024 State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA) and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grants**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for in FY 2023, and accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$42,000, effective FY 2024, from the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General, State Victims Assistance Act and the federal Victims of Crime Act grant programs for the purpose of providing 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 368, project account no. 24VALU.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for in FY 2023, and accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$42,000, effective FY 2024, from the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General, State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA) and the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant programs 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 368, project account no. 24VALU.

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 is June 14, 2023, and no funds will be accepted without approval of the City Council.

There are no new FTEs associated with this grant. The grant does require a 25 percent local match, to be provided 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

