

June 1, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – Police: FY 2023 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Fiscal Year 2023 State Homeland Security Program Grant (“FY23 SHSP Grant”) (ALN 97.067) from the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, administered by the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, of up to \$260,000 to enhance and sustain the Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit FY23 SHSP Grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23SHSP.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a Fiscal Year 2023 State Homeland Security Program Grant (FY23 SHSP Grant) from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), administered by the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA), of up to \$260,000 to enhance and sustain the Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center (GCFC). This Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 23SHSP.

The Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) manages the GCFC, which serves to combat potential domestic extremism, violence, and terrorist activity, and serves as a focal point for the receipt, gathering, analysis, and sharing of threat related information between local, tribal, territorial, state, and federal partners, and private sector stakeholders. If awarded and accepted, the grant funds will be used to cover salary and fringe benefit costs for the Supervisory Intelligence Analyst (SIA) and a contracted cybersecurity analyst at the GCFC, as well as costs related to software, training, and other equipment for the GCFC.

The grant application deadline was May 4, 2023, and the Cincinnati Police Department has already submitted an application for the FY23 SHSP Grant. No grant funds will be accepted without prior approval from the City Council.

There are no new FTEs associated with this grant. Although the grant does not require matching funds, approximately \$5,300 of the SIA’s salary and fringe benefits will surpass the FY23 SHSP Grant allowance and will be provided from the CPD General Fund operating budget.

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