

February 18, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202100673

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – FY 2020 Ohio Drug Law Fund Enforcement Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in an amount up to \$110,000 from the FY20 RecoveryOhio Law Enforcement Fund, awarded by the Office of Criminal Justice Services, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, to support Title III investigations, specifically officer overtime and equipment employed in drug task force investigations in which the Cincinnati Police Department participates; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit funds received pursuant to the RecoveryOhio grant into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 20ROLE.

This Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount up to \$110,000 from the Office of Criminal Justice Services, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, to support Title III investigations, specifically officer overtime and equipment.

The RecoveryOhio Law Enforcement Fund is part of Governor Mike DeWine's RecoveryOhio Initiative which was developed to ensure Ohio acts aggressively to address the public health crisis caused by repercussions of the drug epidemic and mental illness. The RecoveryOhio Law Enforcement Fund will provide funding to defray expenses that a drug task force organization incurs in performing its functions related to the enforcement of the state's drug laws and other state laws related to illegal drug activity as well as activities related to the RecoveryOhio Initiative. If awarded, this grant will supplement Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) resources; helping to bridge the fiscal gap to abate Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) operations, thereby reducing violence and drug overdoses. There are no new FTE or matching fund requirements associated with this grant. This Emergency Ordinance would also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, Project Account No. 20ROLE.

As the grant application deadline is February 17, 2021, the Cincinnati Police Department will have applied for this grant prior to this Emergency Ordinance receiving approval from the City Council. Should this Emergency Ordinance not be approved, the grant funding will not be accepted. Please note that the grant term will be retroactive to October 1, 2020 if awarded.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “create a more livable community” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need for grant funds to be accepted in a timely fashion upon receipt of an award notice.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

