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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Ohio School Threat Assessment Training Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant in the amount of up to \$68,000 from the Ohio Attorney General; and **AUTHORIZING** the appropriation of the sum of \$60,000 to Police's General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050X228X7100, and \$8,000 to Cincinnati Police Department General Fund non personnel operating budget account no. 050X228X7200, for the purpose of funding threat assessment training for school resource officers and conducting school building vulnerability assessments.

This Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant for up to the amount of \$68,000 from the Ohio Attorney General for School Resource Officers to complete Threat Assessment Training and conduct school building vulnerability assessments.

The Ohio Attorney General's Office, in consultation with the Ohio Department of Education, have made grants available to provide supplies and equipment for School Safety, in addition to training and educational resources related to safety. Grant funding is available to Police Agencies whose School Resource Officers work with their local school districts to conduct school building vulnerability assessments to provide the school with a 360-degree picture of potential security gaps which helps the school identify the type of supplies, equipment or resources they need. All School Resource Officers must complete an 11-module Ohio School Threat Assessment Training prior to conducting any school vulnerability assessments. Grant funding is \$500 per officer trained and \$300 per school building assessed.

There are no new FTE or matching funds required with this grant. This Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the grant funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x228x5321x8533.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "Support and Stabilize our neighborhoods" as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to conduct the school building vulnerability assessments.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

