

June 9, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102136

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – FY 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and
Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$13,597,701.60 from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program (Assistance Listing 97.083) to fully fund the salary and benefits of up to 40 recruits for the Cincinnati Fire Department for three years; further **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to receive and deposit the grant funds into Fire Grants Fund 472.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$13,597,701.60 from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FY 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program (Assistance Listing 97.083) to fully fund the salary and benefits of up to 40 recruits for the Cincinnati Fire Department for three years. Approval of this Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to receive and deposit the grant funds into Fire Grants Fund 472.

This grant does not require matching funds. However, the grant will not fund the purchase of non-personnel expenses for the recruit class, including uniforms, personal protective equipment (PPE), psychological testing, books, and other ancillary items needed to train and outfit the class, totaling up to \$601,130. Funding to support the non-personnel expenditures is included in the Recommended FY 2022 Budget.

There are 40.0 FTE associated with the grant. However, the authorized budgeted sworn strength will not be exceeded.

The Cincinnati Fire Department has already applied for the grant to meet the March 12, 2021 deadline but will not accept funding without City Council approval.

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 need to ensure acceptance of the grant within 30 days of the award, as required by the grant.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

