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**BACKGROUND:** The Division of Police was awarded funding through the American Rescue Plan Funding 2022 from the Office of Criminal Justice. The Columbus Division of Police will use this award for the next two years to install and rent 32 fixed License Plate Readers (LPRs) and required wiring, and 8 quick deploy LPRs to assist SWAT and investigative detectives to monitor and gather evidence regarding the whereabouts of individuals suspected of committing homicides and felonious assaults. Furthermore, the funding will be used to hire two additional criminal intelligence analysts and one additional crime analyst to improve how the data collected by the ShotSpotter technology is utilized for investigative purposes. The cost breakdown for this two-year grant award is as follows: personal services \$348,276.85, material and supplies \$5,358.36, contractual services \$275,200.01.

The official city program contact authorized to act in connection with this \$628,835.22 grant is Lieutenant Julie Williams. The grant award start date is April 1, 2022 and ends March 31, 2024.

**Emergency Designation:** Emergency legislation is necessary to make the funds available as soon as possible as the grant award effective date was April 1, 2022 and the Division needs to hire the personnel and procure the services and supplies by March of 2023 to use the awarded funds in full.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This ordinance authorizes an acceptance of the \$628,835.22 grant award and the appropriation of those funds from the Office of Criminal Justice to fund personal services, materials and supplies, and contractual services for the City's Division of Police. This is a new grant award for 2022. All funds appropriated are reimbursable from the grant award.

To authorize and direct the Mayor of the City of Columbus, on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, to accept the American Rescue Plan 2022 award from the Office of Criminal Justice; to authorize Lieutenant Williams, as the official city representative to act in connection with this grant; to authorize an appropriation of \$628,835.22 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund to the Division of Police to cover the cost of the American Rescue Plan 2022 Grant activities and expenditures; and to declare an emergency. (\$628,835.22)

**WHEREAS,** the Division of Police has been awarded funding through the American Rescue Plan 2022 Grant from the Office of Criminal Justice for needed personal services, material and supplies, contractual services; and,

**WHEREAS,** Lieutenant Julie Williams have been identified as the official city representative to act in connection with this American Rescue Plan 2022 Grant and to provide information as required; and,

**WHEREAS,** the grant award period began on April 1, 2022 and ends March 31, 2024; and,

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Mayor to accept and appropriate the American Rescue Plan 2022 Grant award in order to make funds available for the grant award period due to the fact that the grant funded positions and equipment need to be hired and procured by March of 2023 to use the awarded funds in full, thereby preserving the public peace, health, property, safety, and welfare; **now, therefore:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Mayor of the City of Columbus, on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, is hereby authorized and directed to accept a American Rescue Plan 2022 Grant for personal services, material and supplies and contractual services.

**SECTION 2.** That Lieutenant Julie Williams is designated as the official city program contact, authorized to act in connection with the American Rescue Plan 2022 Grant, and are to provide any additional information required.

**SECTION 3.** That from the unappropriated monies in the General Government Grant Fund and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purposes during the grant period, the sum of \$628,835.22 is appropriated upon receipt of an executed grant agreement in Fund 2220 General Government Grants in Object Class 01 Personal Services, 02 Materials and Supplies, 03 Contractual services per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated in an amount not to exceed the available cash balance in the fund.

**SECTION 5.** That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 3 shall be paid upon order of the Director of Public Safety; and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

**SECTION 6.** That, at the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies April be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

**SECTION 7.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.