



## City of Cleveland Memorandum

Justin M. Bibb, Mayor

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**TO:** Blaine A. Griffin, Chair  
Committee of the Whole

**FROM:** Karrie D. Howard, Director  
Department of Public Safety

**DATE:** December 5, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance No. 1229-2022 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency for the FY22 ARPA First Responder Wellness, Recruitment, Retention & Resiliency Grant - Safety Wellness; and authorizing the Director to employ one or more professional consultants, computer software developers, or vendors to acquire licenses for, or design, build, and configure, a wellness application to be used by first responders and dispatchers

If passed by Council, Ordinance No. 1229-2022 would authorize the Director of Public Safety to accept grant funding from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency for the FY22 Ohio ARPA First Responder Wellness, Recruitment, Retention & Resiliency Grant. This legislation will provide funding for a Public Safety Wellness Program.

### **Purpose of Grant:**

The goal of the grant is to develop stress reduction and wellness programs for first responders, including police officers, firefighters, and EMS personnel.

Funding will be used to pay for two years of a wellness phone app for first responders, the hiring of two social workers or therapists, and yoga/mindfulness teacher classes.

### **Expenses to be reimbursed:**

**Contractor:** \$ 160,000 (First Responder Wellness app)  
**Contractor:** \$ 20,000 (Yoga/Mindfulness train-the-trainer-classes)  
**Personnel:** \$ 130,000 (Two-year salary of two social workers/Therapists)  
**Total:** \$ 310,000

### **Grant Information:**

- Grant Period is 1/01/23 thru 12/31/24
- There is no local match
- This a new grant