



## City of Cleveland Memorandum

Justin M. Bibb, Mayor

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**TO:** Michael D. Polensek, Chair  
Safety Committee

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

**DATE:** February 16, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance No. 95-2022 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to accept a grant from the United States Department of Justice, COPS Office, for the FY21 COPS Hiring Program for Neighborhood Response Groups

If passed by Council, Ordinance No. 95-2022 would authorize the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office for the FY21 COPS Hiring Program Grant. This legislation will provide funding for Cleveland's Neighborhood Response Groups (eNeRGy).

### **Purpose of Grant:**

The purpose of this project is to build legitimacy and trust between law enforcement and the community. We will create Neighborhood Response Groups (eNeRGy) assigned to Cleveland's five police districts and working under the direction of each district's Commander. Officers will be in groups of six with one group for each of the five districts.

District Commanders will assign their group to a single neighborhood until it is appropriate to move them to the next neighborhood.

The officers will employ community problem-oriented policing methods to engage the community and build trust. They will walk beats and ride bikes. They will be highly visible and directly engage stakeholders including community members, business owners, neighborhood groups, and community leaders. They will attend community meetings and work with the community on quality of life issues such as vacant homes, abandoned vehicles, graffiti, gambling, prostitution, dumping, etc.

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

**Contracts:** \$3,750,000 (Salaries and benefits for 30 officers over three years)  
**Total:** \$3,750,000

### **Grant Information:**

- Grant Period is 10/01/21 thru 9/30/24
- Local match - \$4,219,694
- This a new grant