



## City of Cleveland Memorandum

Justin M. Bibb, Mayor

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

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

**DATE:** February 2, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance No. 1150-2021 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY22 Violent Crime Reduction Program; and authorizing various written standard purchase and requirement contracts needed to implement the grant

If passed by Council, Ordinance No. 1150-2021 would authorize the Director of Public Safety to accept grant funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY22 Violent Crime Reduction Program. This legislation will provide funding for law enforcement equipment.

### **Purpose of Grant:**

The goal of the Violent Crime Reduction Program is to fund police agencies to combat violent crime. If awarded, Cleveland will receive \$388,400 to purchase law enforcement equipment to support violent crime reduction strategies.

Equipment that combines cameras with Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR's) will capture license plates 24 hours a day/ seven days a week. Footage can be reviewed to capture all vehicular traffic near the location and time of a violent crime, thus providing valuable evidence. If fully funded, the grant would pay for 100 of these camera/ALPR combinations. Additionally, five portable cameras would be used in areas where intelligence information forecasts a need. Drones with cameras will allow us to have eyes on a situation quickly and record evidence immediately.

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

<b>Equipment:</b>	<u>\$ 388,400</u> (Camera/ALPR's. Portable cameras, drone camera equipment)
<b>Total:</b>	<u>\$ 388,400</u>

### **Grant Information:**

- Grant Period is 02/01/22 thru 01/31/23
- There is no local match
- This a new grant