



City of Cleveland Memorandum

Frank G. Jackson, Mayor

TO: Kevin J. Kelley, Chair
Committee of the Whole

FROM: Karrie Howard, Director
Department of Public Safety

DATE: September 9, 2020

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 675-2020 authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from United States Department of Justice, COPS Office, under the 2020 COPS Hiring Program for the Operation Relentless Pursuit Program

Purpose:

Ordinance No. 675-2020, if passed by Council, will authorize the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept the FY 20 COPS Hiring Program Grant. This grant will fund Operation Legend (formerly called Operation Relentless Pursuit). This legislation will enable the Department of Public Safety to participate in a program created by the Department of Justice that partners local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to create a task force to combat violent crime. Other partners include the U.S Attorney's Office, BCI, FBI, CMHA, Ohio Adult Parole and Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The grant will reimburse the city for the full salaries and benefits of 30 new police officers over three years. Thirty seasoned officers will be transferred to the Operation Legend Task Force.

Expenses to be Reimbursed:

Personnel:	\$7,968,944 (Police officer salaries and benefits)
Total:	\$7,968,944

Grant Information:

- Grant period is 10/01/20 – 09/30/2023 (will be extended to cover three full years once the officers are hired)
- There is no local match
- This is a new grant