

**Ordinance No. 26-2026**

**By Council Members:** Polensek and Griffin (by departmental request)

**An emergency ordinance authorizing the Directors of Public Safety or Law to apply for and accept grants from Cuyahoga County Public Safety and Justice Services for the FY 2025 STOP Violence Against Women Act program, for a sexual assault advocate and for the Law Enforcement and Prosecution components of the Cleveland Domestic Violence Program; and authorizing one or more contracts with the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, and other entities to implement the grants.**

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

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

**Section 1.** That the Director of Public Safety is authorized to apply for and accept a FY 2025 STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Act grant (“STOP VAWA grant”) in the estimated amount of \$48,305.47, and any other funds that may become available during the grant term, from Cuyahoga County Public Safety and Justice Services, for a Cleveland Sexual Assault Advocate for the Division of Police; that the Director is authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive the funds under the grant; and that the funds are appropriated for the purposes described in the detailed budget application page contained in the file described below.

**Section 2.** That it is an obligation of the City of Cleveland to provide cash-matching funds in the estimated sum of \$16,101.82, to be paid from Fund No. 01-6002-6397, in order for the Department of Public Safety to receive the grant for a Cleveland Sexual Assault Advocate for the Division of Police.

**Section 3.** That the Director of Public Safety is authorized to apply for and accept a STOP VAWA grant in the estimated amount of \$121,090.18, and any other funds that may become available during the grant term, from Cuyahoga County Public Safety and Justice Services for the Cleveland Domestic Violence Program – Law Enforcement; that the Director is authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive the funds under the grant; and that the funds are appropriated for the purposes described in the subgrant application title page for the grant contained in the file described below.

**Section 4.** That it is an obligation of the City of Cleveland to provide cash-matching funds in the estimated sum of \$40,363.39, to be paid from Fund No. 01-6002-6397, in order for the Department of Public Safety to receive the grant for the Cleveland Domestic Violence Program – Law Enforcement.

**Section 5.** That the Director of Law is authorized to apply for and accept a STOP VAWA grant in the approximate amount of \$169,395.65, and any other funds that may become available during the grant term, from Cuyahoga County Public Safety and Justice Services for the Cleveland Domestic Violence Program – Prosecution, for the purposes set forth in the application and according thereto; that the Director of Law is authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive the funds under the grant; and that the funds are appropriated for the purposes set forth in the subgrant application title page for the grant.

**Section 6.** That it is an obligation of the City of Cleveland to provide cash-matching funds in the estimated sum of \$56,465.22, to be paid from Fund No. 01-1001-6397, in order for the Department of Law to receive the grant for the Cleveland Domestic Violence Program – Prosecution.

**Section 7.** That the files for the grants, **File No. 26-2026-A**, are made a part of this ordinance as if fully rewritten and shall not be changed without additional legislative authority.

**Section 8.** That the Directors of Public Safety and Law are authorized to extend the term of the grants during the grant terms.

**Section 9.** That the Directors of Public Safety or Law are authorized to enter into one or more contracts with or make payments to the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, or with any other entities or agencies, to implement the grants as described in the file.

**Section 10.** That the costs of the contract or contracts authorized by this ordinance shall be paid from the fund or funds to which are credited the grant proceeds accepted under this ordinance and the cash matches. (RQS 6002, RLA 2025-139 – Cleveland Sexual Assault Advocate; RQS 6002, RLA 2025-138 – Law Enforcement; RQS 1001, RLA 2025-132 – Prosecution)

**Section 11.** That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**Passed February 2, 2026.**

**Effective February 5, 2026.**