



City of Cleveland Memorandum
Frank G. Jackson, Mayor

TO: Matthew Zone, Chair
Safety Committee

FROM: Michael McGrath, Director
Department of Public Safety

DATE: October 23, 2019

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1246-2019 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to Apply for and Accept a grant from U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women for the FY19 Improving Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking (ICJR) program and to enter into one or more contracts to implement the grant

Ordinance No. 1246-2019 would authorize the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women for the FY19 Improving Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking (ICJR) Grant. If approved by Council, the legislation will provide funding for a Cleveland Rape Crisis Center advocate to be housed in the Cleveland Police Sex Crimes Unit and the continuation funding of two Domestic Violence High Risk Team Detectives in the Division of Police. The legislation authorizes one or more contracts with the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center and Cuyahoga County for the implementation of the grant.

Purpose of Grant:

The goal of the ICJR Grant is to provide funding to improve how law enforcement agencies assist the victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Human Trafficking. Cleveland's funding will support two programs:

- 1) The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center will hire a new advocate to be housed in the Cleveland Police Sex Crimes Unit. They will focus on the victims of human trafficking and will also assist with sexual assault victims. The Rape Crisis Center will also assist in developing and delivering police officer training on trauma response, victim engagement, trauma-informed interviewing and the neurological/biological impact of trauma.
- 2) The Cleveland Police Domestic Violence Unit will receive funds to continue paying for the salaries of two DV High Risk Team detectives who focus on DV victims who are at high risk of intimate partner homicide or severe assault. The risk level is based on the responses to a risk assessment known as the Danger Assessment for Law Enforcement (DA-LE).



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Expenses to be reimbursed:

Personnel: \$240,000 (Two detectives for two years)
Travel: \$ 10,000 (Required grant training)
Contracts: \$250,000 (Cleveland Rape Crisis Center)

Total: \$500,000

Grant Information:

- Grant Period is 10/01/19 thru 9/30/22
- There is no local match
- This a new grant