



**City of Cleveland Memorandum**  
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To: Blaine A. Griffin, Chair  
Finance Committee

From: Karrie D. Howard, Director  
Department of Public Safety

Date: October 30, 2023

Subject: Ordinance No.1005-2023 To amend Section 6 of Ordinance No. 866-2021, passed October 18, 2021, relating to applying for and accepting a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security for the FY21 Port Security Grant Program for the purchase of a police boat

Ordinance No. 1005-2023, if passed by Council, would amend Section 6 of Ordinance No. 866-2021 to allow funding from other sources approved by the Director of Finance for the purchase of a police boat for the Division of Police. All other sections of Ordinance No. 866-2021 will be unchanged.

The Division of Police received a Port Security grant in the amount of \$625,592 to be used toward the funding of a police boat. Additional funding of approximately \$156,400 is needed to complete the purchase of the police boat.

The Division of Police is responsible for all law enforcement activities within the City of Cleveland, which also includes the Port of Cleveland zone in Lake Erie. The Division of Police uses regular maritime patrols and coordinates operations with our law enforcement partners including the U.S. Coast Guard and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies for the patrolling and necessary interdiction of vessels traveling into the United States across the international border with Canada.

The new police boat will be a significant upgrade over the current police boat and will include current technology and equipment that will provide the Division of Police with a robust tool to be used to combat crime. This will greatly increase our ability to quickly respond to emerging threats and complement the capabilities of our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners resulting in a more secure port.