



**City of Cleveland Memorandum**  
Frank G. Jackson, Mayor

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**TO:** Blaine A. Griffin, Chair  
Safety Committee

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

**DATE:** January 13, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance 944-2020 authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY19 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant to fund the Police Homicide Review Commission; and authorizing one or more contracts the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office to implement the grant

**Purpose:**

Ordinance No. 944-2020, if approved by City Council, would authorize the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$20,374.95 from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY19 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant. Funding will be used to fund a Homicide Review Commission (HRC).

Members of the Division of Police and County Prosecutor's Office meet monthly to review both open and closed cases. These in-depth case reviews of homicides examine the victims, offenders, associates, witnesses, circumstances, and setting of homicide events.

The purpose of the Cleveland Homicide Review Commission is:

- To solve homicides in a more efficient and effective manner.
- To gain a better understanding of homicide through strategic problem-solving
- To develop innovative and effective responses and prevention strategies that result in a reduction of homicides.
- To help better focus available prevention and intervention resources.

**Expenses to be Reimbursed:**

Personnel:	\$ 4,945.60 (Overtime for detectives working on the HRC)
Contracts:	\$ 4,905.35 (County Prosecutor's Office for help preparing case reports)
Travel:	\$ 5,524.00 (Travel to other HRC sites for training)
Other Costs:	\$ <u>73.59</u> (Witness relocation costs)
Total:	\$ 20,374.95

**Grant Information:**

- This is the second year we have received this grant
- No local match is required
- Grant period – 11/01/20 – 12/31/21