

- **TO:** Blaine A. Griffin, Chair Committee of the Whole
- **FROM:** Karrie D. Howard, Director Department of Public Safety
- DATE: December 5, 2022
- **SUBJECT:** Ordinance No. 1146-2022 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the Ohio ARPA Law Enforcement Violence Reduction and Staffing Grant to provide funding for retention bonuses for police officers

If passed by Council, Ordinance No. 1146-2022 would authorize the Director of Public Safety to accept grant funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the FY22 Law Enforcement Violence Reduction and Staffing Grant. This legislation will provide funding for retention bonuses for police officers.

Purpose of Grant:

The goal of the Violence Reduction and Staffing Grant is to assist police agencies in maintaining police positions by providing retention bonuses.

Sworn officers who agree to stay of staff until at least December 1, 2024, will receive a bonus of \$1,500. After December 1, 2024, those same officers will receive another \$1,500. Up to 1,405 officers will receive the bonus.

Expenses to be reimbursed:

 Other:
 \$ 4,215,000 (\$3,000 retention bonuses x 1,405 officers)

 Total:
 \$ 4,215,000

Grant Information:

- Grant Period is 10/01/22 thru 12/31/24
- There is no local match
- This a new grant