



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

TO: Kevin J. Kelley, Chair
Committee of the Whole

FROM: Michael McGrath, Director
Department of Public Safety

Barbara Langhenry, Director
Department of Law

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1455-18 Authorizing the Directors of Public Safety and Law to
Apply for and Accept the FY 2018 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
Grants

DATE: December 3, 2018

Ordinance No. 1455-18, if approved by Council, would authorize the Directors of Public Safety and Law to apply for and accept three (3) grants from Cuyahoga County for the FY 2018 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). If approved by Council, the legislation will provide funding for the operation of the Cleveland Domestic Violence Program and Cleveland Sexual Assault Advocate.

Purpose of Grant:

The goal of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant is to provide funding to enhance the investigation, prosecution, and victim advocacy of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault. The City of Cleveland will be reimbursed for costs associated with operating the Cleveland Domestic Violence Program. This is a partnership with Cleveland Police Detectives, Cleveland Prosecutors, Cleveland Municipal Court, and Victim Advocates from County Witness/Victim Services. Cleveland will also be reimbursed for the costs associated with a victim advocate from the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center being assigned to the Police Sex Crimes Unit.

DV Program – Law Enforcement:

The Cleveland Police Domestic Violence Unit detectives investigate reports of DV and stalking and present them to the Prosecutor. The detectives share an office at police headquarters with victim advocates. The grant pays for the partial salaries of two detectives.

In 2017 the Police DV Unit investigated 2,598 cases. There are two sergeants and eleven detectives assigned to the unit.

Expenses to be reimbursed:

Personnel:	\$ 123,149.89 (Detectives)
Travel:	\$ 4,300.00 (Annual DV conference)
Supplies:	\$ 1,354.04 (Office supplies and bus tickets)
Total:	<u>\$ 128,803.93</u>

Grant Award:	\$ 96,602.94
Matching Funds:	<u>\$ 32,200.99</u> (Fund 01-6002)
Total Project Amount:	<u>\$ 128,803.93</u>

DV Program – Prosecution:

The City of Cleveland Prosecutor's Office provide prosecutors who focus on charging and prosecuting domestic violence and its related crimes (ie menacing by stalking, aggravated menacing and violation of protection orders) to provide specialized attention to this issue and the specific concerns that arise with handling such cases and working with individuals affected by violence and abuse.

This grant is used to pay all or a portion of the salaries for Prosecutors to continue to assist in the prosecution of domestic violence offenders in the City of Cleveland through this specialized program.

In 2017 the grant-funded prosecutors accepted 1,865 DV cases for prosecution and 17 Stalking cases for prosecution.

Expenses to be reimbursed:

Personnel:	\$ 174,513.95 (Prosecutors, law clerks)
Travel:	\$ 12,250.00 (Annual DV conference)
Supplies:	\$ 526.13 (Office supplies)
Total:	<u>\$ 187,290.08</u>

Grant Award:	\$ 140,467.56
Matching Funds:	<u>\$ 46,822.52</u> (Fund 01-001)
Total Project Amount:	<u>\$ 187,290.08</u>

Sexual Assault Program:

The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center assigns a Victim Advocate full-time to the Police Sex Crimes Unit. They help Sexual Assault survivors traverse the justice system and locate any needed support.

In 2017 the Sexual Assault Advocate served 576 survivors of sexual assault.

Expenses to be reimbursed:

Contractual:	<u>\$ 58,486.14 (Cleveland Rape Crisis Center)</u>
Total:	<u>\$ 58,486.14</u>

Grant Award:	\$ 43,864.61
Matching Funds:	<u>\$ 14,621.53 (Fund 10-026)</u>
Total Project Amount:	<u>\$ 58,486.14</u>

- Grant Period is 1/01/19 thru 12/31/19
- This is the fourth year we have received the Sexual Assault grant.
- We have received the DV grants since 1997. Funding has been reduced at the federal level. We are now receiving less than half of what we used to receive, but are processing more cases.

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Council Members Zone and Kelley
(by departmental request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Directors of Public Safety or Law to apply for and accept grants from the County Public Safety and Justice Services for the FY 2018 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 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 Cuyahoga County, 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 grant in the amount of \$43,864.61, and any other funds that may become available during the grant term, from the County Public Safety and Justice Services to conduct the FY 2018 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant for a sexual assault advocate under the Cleveland Domestic Violence Program; 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 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 sum of \$14,621.53 from Fund No. 10 SF 026 in order for the Department of Public Safety to receive the grant for a sexual assault advocate under the Cleveland Domestic Violence Program.

Section 3. That the Director of Public Safety is authorized to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$96,602.94 and any other funds that may become available during the grant term from the County Public Safety and Justice Services to conduct the FY 2018 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant 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

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that the funds are appropriated for the purposes described in the detailed budget application 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 sum of \$32,200.98 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 grant in the approximate amount of \$140,467.56, and any other funds that may become available during the grant term, from the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, to conduct the FY 2018 Cleveland Domestic Violence Program, 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 narrative and 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 sum of \$46,822.52 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. 1455-18-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 Director of Public Safety or Law is authorized to extend the term of the grants during the grant terms.

Section 9. That the Director of Public Safety or Law is authorized to enter into one or more contracts with or make payments to the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center,

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County of Cuyahoga, 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 6001, RL 2018-126 - Sexual Assault Advocate; RQS 6002, RLA 2018-66 – Law Enforcement; RQS 1001, RLA 2018-62 - 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.

RC:nl
11-26-18

FOR: Director McGrath and Langhenry