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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager 

Subject: **\$5.42M Public Safety Funding Update**

On September 17, 2025, City Council passed Ordinance Number 290-2025, which authorized \$5,420,000 to fund public safety measures and deter violent crime in the Central Business District (CBD) and other crime hot spots in the City.

Executive Summary

As of January 15, 2025, \$150,777.70 remains available from the original appropriation of \$5,420,000. The administration has spent or encumbered \$3,982,222.30, with an additional \$1,287,000 in pending expenses. A detailed summary of the expensed/encumbered funds as well as the pending expenses appears below.

The Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) is approximately 2 weeks into a 30-day plan to repair or install 99 cameras. Of the 99 cameras, six are new camera installations in the West End. An additional 6 cameras were installed by CPD in the West End in Fall 2025 – totaling 12 new cameras in the West End when the 30-day plan is complete. Additionally, 3 new camera installations are scheduled in Over-the-Rhine (OTR) during that same period.

Detailed Summary

City Manager's Office (CMO)

3CDC Expanded Ambassador Program - \$880,000

- \$776,982.31 - Contract amendment executed
- Scope includes funds for three ambassadors covering OTR and CBD, two cleanup ambassadors in northern OTR, public safety improvements like cameras and streetlighting. 3CDC coordinating locations with CPD and Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE)
- This investment expands upon our current program working with 3CDC to improve visitor experience in the CBD and OTR and was requested by City Council.

3CDC Outreach Workers and FUSUS - \$100,000

- \$81,300 – contract amendment executed
- Scope includes funds for two additional outreach coordinators to expand the GeneroCity 513 program and integrate 19 3CDC cameras into FUSUS.
- FUSUS allows CPD to aggregate and integrate privately owned cameras into one platform to improve investigative efficiencies and leverage additional camera systems from various locations not previously available to investigators. They are seeking as many privately owned cameras as possible to integrate to maximize all available resources through technology.

Curfew Center – Seven Hills - \$185,000

- \$182,000 – contract executed

Curfew Center – Lighthouse - \$195,000

- \$192,772 – contract executed
- The investment of the curfew center contracts goes towards our current year-round program to provide youth support and services.

NOTE

Streetlighting and Cameras - \$1,200,000

- \$722,391.20 spent/encumbered
 - Replaced 4508 feet of damaged communication (fiber) cable and plan to replace 3000 additional feet of fiber cable over the next 30 days.
 - \$254,519.18 encumbered to Duke Energy to upgrade 369 Duke owned streetlights to LED streetlighting in OTR, West End, and CBD (CPD focus areas)
 - \$250,000 will be encumbered to Duke Energy to upgrade 361 Duke owned streetlights to LED streetlighting in Lower Price Hill and Roselawn (CPD focus areas)
 - \$204,870.87 to purchase 70 new cameras. The cameras were delivered on January 21, 2026. All 56 of DOTE's cameras will be replaced within the next 30 days (weather permitting) to provide new technology and improved reliability. The remaining 14 cameras will be saved for future maintenance to reduce outage time.
 - Pursuing a fiber and camera maintenance contract to significantly reduce unplanned camera downtime.
 - This investment repairs the cameras and enhances lighting to deter crime in CPD focus areas and provides better visibility for residents and visitors in that area.

Other Efforts

- Within the past 12 months, 531 streetlights have been upgraded in OTR and the West End
- 74 new cameras will be installed with current contract that is expanding DOTE's fiber network in the West End, OTR, and Queensgate neighborhoods, which is scheduled to be online by December 2026.

- Fiber network expansion improves communication and reliability of the traffic signal network and cameras. Also, the network allows for the capability for smart infrastructure in the future.

CPD

West End Camera Expansion - \$150,000

- \$151,038.99 spent on installing 12 new cameras to enhance public safety in hot spot areas.

Public Visibility Overtime for CPD - \$1,200,000

- \$1,088,078.28 spent
 - \$919,707.79 spent on Street Crimes Task Force in West End, CBS, OTR, Roselawn, Bond Hill, Paddock Hills, Avondale, Clifton, Corryville, Camp Washington, Banks, CUF, Price Hill, Westwood, Kennedy Heights, Lower Price Hill, Winton Terrace, Evanston, Walnut Hills, Fairmount, Oakley, Carthage, Mt. Adams, Northside.
 - \$168,370.49 spent on Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for Court Street patrol support.
 - This investment assisted with greater police presence as part of the Fall Safety Plan beginning in September 2025 through December 31, 2025. These resources were spread throughout the City and enhanced visibility in an effort to improve public safety.

PIVOT Training - \$30,000

- \$30,000 – seeking professional services agreement with original academic partner that assisted CPD.
 - Contract pending.
 - This investment will reinvigorate CPD's PIVOT efforts citywide through implementation of national best practices surrounding place network investigations.

CPD Recruitment Efforts - \$100,000

- \$99,599.83 spent on promotional materials, digital advertising, marketing equipment, print advertising, and academy improvements.
- In order to expand upon our recruitment efforts additional resources were needed for greater outreach. We have seen a promising increase in the qualified applicant pool from those efforts.

Towing - \$50,000

- \$58,735.20 spent on gate repair/replacement, turnstile replacement, fence repair, and rotational tows.
- The Impound Lot is instrumental for our tow detail that we deployed throughout the year to assist in reducing crime in areas where illegal automobile activity has negatively impacted crime reduction efforts. Throughout the Fall of 2025, these resources assisted with necessary capital maintenance and the ongoing tow detail.

License Plate Readers - \$360,000

- Request for Proposal (RFP) published and closed. Evaluation committee scores submitted and corresponding request for 90-day trial and evaluation of top three (3) respondents of eight (8) submitted for approval.
- This investment will assist with replacement and expansion of our license plate readers which greatly assist investigators in identifying suspects involved in violent crimes if automobiles may have been involved.

Findlay Market Safety Improvements - \$180,000

- \$180,000 encumbered to a contract with the Corporation for Findlay Market aka Findlay Market for improved lighting, security cameras, fencing and signage, and placemaking.
- Findlay Market is one of our greatest assets and we are committed to increased investments for safety.

Cincinnati Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC)/PIVOT Drones - \$40,000

- \$39,941.99 spent on CGIC, PIVOT and indoor drones. These efforts augment proven violent crime initiatives established by CPD.
- This investment helps us expand our current drone program, which is helping CPD with greater visibility, investigatory enhancement and overall smarter resource deployment.

Drone Expansion - \$100,000

- \$99,385.50 spent on data and electrical line installation and related equipment for the addition of 13 drones to cover 90% of City in Spring of 2026 for Phase 2 expansion.

FUSUS Expansion - \$100,000

- \$99,997 spent on FUSUS QR cards and core bundles
- The FUSUS cores are being deployed in phases according to locations identified by CPD through crime data and privately-owned camera locations in each district. Full receipt and deployment of purchased cores anticipated by end of the third quarter of 2026.

Mobile Safety Camera Trailers - \$100,000

- \$100,000 out of \$100,000 encumbered for a new camera trailer.

Misc. work:

- \$80,0000 - allocated for Theft-proofing glass film. Working with a vendor to finalize pricing.
- CPD is committed to helping businesses in our PIVOT locations. This project will protect businesses from thieves getting quick access to businesses assets in areas experiencing increased break-ins through windows and doors. This is a pilot project that CPD is exploring and if successful may seek expansion.

Youth Outreach - \$200,000

- Pending- This investment is committed to youth outreach and to support youth activities/engagement.

Bond and Sentencing Project \$250,000

- Pending- council decision/direction.