

Memorandum

To: City Council
From: Wayne D. Hudson, Chief of Police
Cc: David E. Weiss, Mayor
Matt Carroll, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: February 17, 2026
Re: Law Enforcement Trust Fund – Local (Fund No. 701) and Federal (Fund No. 702)

The Shaker Heights Police Department is seeking the City's authorization to spend funds to purchase items/services through the Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund No. 702) and the Local Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund No. 701). The Shaker Heights Police Department (SHPD) is a professional, nationally accredited, and award-winning law enforcement agency. To maintain this status, the SHPD must add certain equipment, update other equipment, increase/enhance mission essential training, and continue to professionally engage the community.

Federal Law authorizes the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury to share federally forfeited property with participating state and local law enforcement agencies. Rules and regulations that govern the Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund can be found in the March 2024 issue of U.S. Department of Justice/U.S. Department of the Treasury: **Guide to Equitable Sharing for State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies.**

On December 18th, 2014, then President Barack Obama, signed an Executive Order establishing the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. In May, 2015 the Task Force released their final report with recommendations. The recommendations consisted of several action items that were organized under six "pillars." The pillars are: Building Trust and Legitimacy, Policy and Oversight, Technology and Social Media, Community Policing and Crime Prevention, Training and Education, and Officer Wellness. The items/services that the SHPD are requesting are directly in line with the recommendations from the Task Force on 21st Century Policing. In June 2020, Mayor David Weiss signed off on the action steps outlined in the Obama Foundation Pledge. In addition, in 2024, the City of Shaker Heights conducted a Listening Project with the community. The results revealed the community wants more officers, more community engagement, and more traffic enforcement. Many items in this budget request are directly related to the requests of the Shaker Heights community.

The SHPD will follow all City of Shaker Heights procurement requirements to include formal public bid on items over \$50,000 unless the item(s) is on a government contract. The requested items and/or services will be used to increase the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the SHPD and make a greater impact on the community.

On February 5, 2026, Chief Hudson appeared before the Safety & Public Works Committee. This request passed with one dissention. The following questions were asked.

1. Are the items listed all new items?
 - o No. The ballistic vests request is a new request.



2. Did we receive these funds from money seizures from across the United States?
 - o No, the funds come from local money seizures.
3. Will the SHPD run out of these funds or are there more funds coming in?
 - o We will not drain the accounts. We do receive funds throughout the year, however the amount all depends on seizures made.
4. How is the Cellebrite data stored?
 - o The Cellebrite system is a software program that is installed on a standalone computer hard drive. The computer is located in a locked office with access limited to ONLY those that are certified on the system. The data that is legally removed from a cellphone is stored on the standalone computer hard drive that is not connected to the SHPD network. No data is shared with Cellebrite.

On February 17, 2026, Chief Hudson appeared before the Finance Committee. This request passed unanimously. The following questions were asked.

1. What is the retention policy for items removed from a cellphone utilizing the Cellebrite system?
 - o This will depend somewhat on the alleged crime.
2. Do the Cellebrite company have access to our evidence?
 - o No.
3. You mentioned that the IA Pro Software is designed to create the types of reports the Department of Justice recommends for Progressive Communities who desire to be transparent. Do the SHPD share this information with the DOJ?
 - o No. We use this software to create certain reports that can be shared on our website for transparency purposes.
4. In regards to Cellebrite, how is access gained into a cellphone in SHPD custody?
 - o Access is gained into a cellphone either through consent from the owner or by a court order.
5. How is the Virtra system working out?
 - o The SHPD utilizes the training machine for one week each month. The system allows officers to train on real-life situations in a controlled environment.

We request that Council approve this item and it be passed on first reading as an emergency so the SHPD can continue to utilize the software, continue to train SHPD personnel, and purchase the ballistic vests for sworn officers.

New or Re-new 2026 Projects

- Ballistic Vest Plates \$25,000
 - With the proliferation of high-powered rifles, officers are now responding to more incidents where these weapons are present. The funds will be used to purchase ballistic front plates that will stop a rifle round. Each officer would be outfitted with one front ballistic plate.

- Lexipol Yearly Maintenance \$26,000
 - Purchased in 2024, Lexipol offers daily training geared towards the region and also provides up-to-date policy reviews to make sure that the SHPD is on the cutting edge and in alignment with best practices in the field. There is a third-pronged component of officer wellness to this platform which assists with recruiting and retention of SHPD employees.

- Cellebrite Annual Subscription \$14,000
 - Purchased in 2024, the Cellebrite system allows detectives to quickly unlock and obtain information from cellular telephones. The technology saves detectives a lot of time and time is of the essence in these investigations.

- IA Pro Annual Maintenance \$12,000
 - Purchased in 2024, as part of the Fair Ticketing Initiative, The City of Shaker Heights agreed to share information about the SHPD Internal Affairs Accountability Systems. This software is designed to create the types of reports the Department of Justice recommends for Progressive Communities who desire to be transparent.

- Virtra Annual Maintenance \$11,677
 - Purchased in 2025, this technology allows officers to train in a virtual reality. This system allows officers to experience real world scenarios in a training environment. Officers can work on their verbal commands and de-escalation skills along with their safety tactics.

Law Enforcement Trust Federal– (Fund No. 702)

Requested Item/Service	One Time Cost	Annual Operating Cost
Ballistic Vest Plates	\$25,000	0
Lexipol Yearly Maintenance	Paid in 2025	\$26,010.50
Cellebrite Annual Subscription	Paid in 2025	\$14,050
IA Pro Annual Maintenance	Paid in 2025	\$7,500
Virtra Annual Maintenance	Paid in 2025	\$11,677
TOTAL	84,237.50	
CURRENT TOTAL (as of 1-29-26 per Finance)	\$152,303.31	
REMAINING BALANCE (after one time and annual operating cost)	\$68,065.81	

Law Enforcement Trust Fund – Local (Fund No. 701)

Application of the proceeds in the Local Law Enforcement Trust Fund is governed under Ohio Revised Code – 2981.13, which requires that expenditures from this account receive approval from the City’s legislative authority.

- SHPD Training and other Law Enforcement Matters \$50,000
 - To pay the cost to send officers to “train the trainer” courses in certain disciplines so that they can instruct SHPD officers and provide training to our community. Disciplines such as Verbal De-escalation, School Threat and Safety, Arrest- Search and Seizure, Anti-biased, Community Policing, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, Duty to Intervene, and other programs used to further build relationships and collaborations with those that live, work, and visit Shaker Heights.
 - To pay the costs of protracted or complex investigations or prosecutions;
 - To provide reasonable technical training or expertise;
 - To provide matching funds to obtain federal grants to aid law enforcement, in the support of Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) programs or other programs designed to educate adults or children with respect to the dangers associated with the use of drugs of abuse;

<u>Law Enforcement Trust – Local (Fund No. 701)</u>		
Requested Item/Service	One Time Cost	Annual Operating Cost
Basic and Advanced Training	\$40,000	0
TOTAL	\$50,000	0
CURRENT TOTAL (as of 12/31/25 per Finance)	\$80,421	
REMAINING BALANCE	\$30,421	

CITY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO
ORDINANCE NO. 26-
By:

Amending Ordinance 25-137 making appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Shaker Heights, Ohio for the year ending December 31, 2026, as amended by Ordinance No. 26-08, to amend appropriations in Fund No. 701, Law Enforcement Trust Fund Local, and in Fund No. 702, Law Enforcement Trust Fund Federal, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, in order to appropriate the increase in "other expenses" to Fund No. 701, Law Enforcement Trust Fund Local, in the amount of \$50,000 to be used for Police Department Training and other Law Enforcement Matters; and

WHEREAS, in order to appropriate the increase in "other expenses" to Fund No. 702, Law Enforcement Trust Fund Federal, in the amount of \$84,238 to be used for Police Department expenditures related to purchases for Equipment and Software.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Shaker Heights, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Shaker Heights for the fiscal period ending December 31, 2026, the following appropriations are hereby authorized:

Section 2: That there be appropriated, transferred and advanced from the following funds and as further detailed in the Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein:

General Fund Group						
Fund #	Fund Activity	Personal Services		Other	Transfers & Advances	Totals
	Municipal Court	\$ 2,326,798	\$	129,690	\$ -	\$ 2,456,488
	Other City Activities	36,576,322		15,198,557	14,500,000	66,274,879
101	Total General Fund	\$ 38,903,120	\$	15,328,247	\$ 14,500,000	\$ 68,731,367

Subfunds of the General Fund						
103	Economic Development and Housing	\$ -	\$	204,000	\$ 570,000	\$ 774,000
105	Recreation Fund	2,076,815		996,916	-	3,073,731
753	Unclaimed Monies	-		100,000	-	100,000
772	Flexsave	-		10,000	-	10,000

Special Revenue Fund Group						
Fund #	Fund Name	Personal Services		Other	Transfers & Advances	Totals
201	Street Maintenance & Repair	\$ 910,967	\$	499,499	\$ -	\$ 1,410,466
202	State Highway Maintenance	-		41,701	-	41,701
204	Sewer Maintenance	832,570		966,335	828,600	2,627,505
205	Police Pension	1,563,904		1,000	-	1,564,904
206	Fire Pension	1,611,992		1,000	-	1,612,992
209	Indigent Driver / Alcohol Treatment	-		46,000	-	46,000
210	Court Computer	38,792		38,021	-	76,813
211	Clerk's Computerization	-		247,085	-	247,085
212	Victims of Crime Act	84,215		-	-	84,215
214	Fair Housing Grants	13,823		43,500	-	57,323
216	Law Enforcement Grants	7,300		6,324	-	13,624
218	Court Alternate Dispute Resolution	28,864		750	-	29,614
219	Court Special Projects	-		50,000	-	50,000
220	Ohio Court Security Project	-		63,108	-	63,108
223	Housing Nuisance Abatement	-		125,000	-	125,000
224	Indigent Driver Interlock	-		15,758	-	15,758
281	Street Lighting	-		855,461	-	855,461
282	Tree Maintenance	854,279		365,877	-	1,220,156
284	Mental Health Response Team	115,018		480,000	-	595,018
287	CRA Fee	2,000		-	-	2,000
288	OneOhio Opioid Settlement	-		50,000	-	50,000
290	Municipal Improvement TIF	-		40,000	-	40,000
291 (701)	Law Enforcement Trust - Local	25,000		50,000	-	75,000
292 (702)	Law Enforcement Trust - Federal	-		84,238	-	84,238
299	27th Pay Reserve	-		-	1,485,600	1,485,600
751	Obstruction Permit	-		10,000	-	10,000
752	Excavation Permit	-		10,000	-	10,000
768	Shaker / Cuyahoga Credit Enhancement	-		100,000	-	100,000
769	Shaker Plaza TIF	-		170,000	-	170,000
770	Van Aken District TIF	-		1,800,000	-	1,800,000
771	Point of Sale Escrow	-		3,500,000	-	3,500,000
	Total Special Revenue Funds	\$ 6,088,724	\$	9,660,657	\$ 2,314,200	\$ 18,063,581

Fund #	Fund Name	Personal Services	Other	Transfers & Advances	Totals
301	Debt Service	\$ -	\$ 1,570,000	\$ -	\$ 1,570,000
302	Urban Renewal Bond Retirement	-	1,220,000	-	1,220,000
	Total Debt Service Funds	\$ -	\$ 2,790,000	\$ -	\$ 2,790,000

Internal Service Fund Group					
Fund #	Fund Name	Personal Services	Other	Transfers & Advances	Totals
601	Central Stores Purchasing	\$ -	\$ 1,087,500	\$ 325,000	\$ 1,412,500
602	Central Printing Operation	-	25,000	-	25,000
603	Central Garage Operation	1,126,255	402,000	-	1,528,255
604	Central Services Operation	372,262	400,000	-	772,262
605	Self-Insurance Reserve	126,622	7,918,394	-	8,045,016
	Total Internal Service Fund Group	\$ 1,625,139	\$ 9,832,894	\$ 325,000	\$ 11,783,033
	Grand Total All Funds	\$ 48,693,798	\$ 38,922,714	\$ 17,709,200	\$ 105,325,712

Itemized list of Transfers and Advances by Fund

Description	Amount
General Fund Transfers	
General Fund to General Capital Fund	\$ 9,100,000
General Fund to Police Pension Fund	1,200,000
General Fund to Fire Pension Fund	1,500,000
General Fund to Debt Service Fund	750,000
General Fund to Recreation Fund	1,300,000
General Fund to Self Insurance Fund	500,000
General Fund to Street Lighting Assessment Fund	150,000
Total General Fund Transfers	\$ 14,500,000
Other Fund Transfers	
27th Pay Reserve Fund to General Fund	\$ 1,485,600
Sewer Maintenance Fund to General Obligation Debt Service Fund	828,600
Economic Development and Housing Fund to General Capital Fund	570,000
Grand Total Fund Transfers	\$ 17,384,200
Advances / Advance Repayments	
Central Stores Purchasing Fund to General Fund - 2025 Advance Repayment	\$ 325,000
Total Advances / Advance Repayments	\$ 325,000
Grand Total Transfers and Advances	\$ 17,709,200

- Section 3: That all monies in the Custodial Funds are hereby deemed appropriated for their intended purposes.
- Section 4: That the City's Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants against the appropriations set forth upon presentation of proper vouchers.
- Section 5: That all expenditures within the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026 shall be made in accordance with the code accounts set forth above, and shall be made within the appropriations herein provided ("Appropriations" as used herein means the total amount appropriated for an individual fund).
- Section 7: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.
- Section 8: This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare for the reason that it is necessary in the current operation of the City, and therefore shall take effect immediately upon its enactment and approval by the Mayor.

Enacted

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2026.

DAVID E. WEISS, Mayor

Attest:

MATTHEW P. CARROLL
Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT "A" - Schedule of Budgets by Department - General Fund

Dep't #	Department	Personal Services	Other	Transfers & Advances	Totals
11	Police	\$ 11,889,835	\$ 2,162,384	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 15,252,219
12	Fire	8,784,920	971,636	1,500,000	11,256,556
30	Recreation	1,066,846	445,247	-	1,512,093
41	Planning	702,617	81,242	-	783,859
42	Building and Housing	1,924,313	263,558	373,971	2,561,842
44	Communication and Marketing	511,792	499,851	-	1,011,643
49	Economic Development	479,304	694,414	-	1,173,718
50	Public Works	6,070,307	4,912,471	-	10,982,778
70	Mayor	242,333	47,035	-	289,368
71	Chief Administrative Officer	558,754	71,838	-	630,592
72	Finance	850,157	268,470	-	1,118,627
73	Law	782,347	297,825	-	1,080,172
75	City Council	175,393	48,800	-	224,193
76	Municipal Court	2,326,798	129,690	-	2,456,488
77	Human Resources	481,272	216,793	-	698,065
78	Civil Service	38,389	104,247	-	142,636
79	Information Technology	532,143	137,750	-	669,893
80	CCSE	1,485,600	3,974,996	11,426,029	16,886,625
Grand Total All Departments		\$ 38,903,120	\$ 15,328,247	\$ 14,500,000	\$ 68,731,367