



Legislation Text

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Background: The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program is a supplemental nutrition program for women (pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding), infants, and children under five years of age administered in Franklin County by Columbus Public Health with grant funds received from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Columbus Public Health has been awarded its annual grant funding from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). A portion of the WIC grant funds are budgeted for the payment of rent for the lease of two (2) WIC Clinics - First Choice Rental Properties, LLC, for 77-83 Outerbelt Street and Best Corporate Properties LLC for 1681 Holt Road. This ordinance is subject to the acceptance of the grant funds from ODH by passage of City Council Ordinance 2229-2022 for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

This legislation authorizes the expenditure of up to \$96,370.00, or as much as may be necessary, from the Health Department Grant Fund for payment of rent for these two (2) WIC leases that have previously been approved by City Council subject to the annual authorization of rental funds by City Council and certification of funds availability by the City Auditor. The WIC Program budget provides \$96,370.00 for the leases of the two (2) clinic locations that provide services under this program and declares an emergency.

Fiscal Impact: Funding for the lease payments is provided by grant funds received by Columbus Public Health from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and accepted by passage of Ordinance 2229-2022. This grant does not generate revenue or require a City match. City funds are not required. (\$0.00).

Emergency Action: is requested in order to avoid any delay in making timely rent payments to the landlords in accordance with the terms of the two (2) WIC Clinic lease agreements.

To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to authorize an expenditure of \$96,370.00 from the Health Department Grant Fund for payment of two (2) leases for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program, and to declare an emergency (\$96,370.00).

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance and Management, through its Real Estate Management Office, leases two (2) clinical office spaces on behalf of the Department of Health's Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program at 77-83 Outerbelt Street and 1681 Holt Road; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) wishes to continue to provide its supplemental nutrition services to clients at these two (2) leased locations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health, WIC Program has budgeted \$96,370.00 for payment of rent for these two (2) WIC Clinic leases for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expend funds for payment of the leases in order to provide services for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to expend funds for the payment of annual rent for the lease of two (2) existing WIC Clinics per the terms of the lease agreements so that the WIC Clinics may continue offering program services to the community without interruption for the immediate preservation of the health, peace, property,

safety and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That contingent upon the passage of Ordinance 2229-2022, the expenditure of \$96,370.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grant Funds, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance, for payment of rent to First Choice Rental Properties, LLC, for 77-83 Outerbelt Street and to Best Corporate Real Estate Properties LLC for 1681 Holt Road for the lease of medical office space for WIC clinics at each of these locations.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that these leases are properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the City's financial records.

SECTION 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten (10) days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.