



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the City of Columbus, Department of Development to accept and execute a reimbursable Healthy Homes Production Grant in an amount up to \$2,000,000.00 from the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The grant will be utilized by the Department of Development and Columbus Public Health. Per current negotiations with HUD, pre-award expenditures are authorized starting April 18, 2022. The grant agreement may be executed as early as mid-May 2022 and the grant is for 42 months.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded nearly \$104.7 million to 60 non-profit organizations, and state and local government agencies located in 29 states to protect children and families from home health hazards. HUD is providing these grants through its Healthy Homes Production Grant Program which will help grantees identify health and safety hazards in low-income families' homes. The grants will protect children and families with incomes at or below eighty percent of the area median income level by targeting significant lead and health hazards in over 7,400 low-income homes for which other resources are not available. The Healthy Homes Production Grant Program takes a comprehensive approach to addressing multiple childhood diseases and injuries in the home by focusing on housing-related hazards in a coordinated fashion, rather than addressing a single hazard at a time. The program builds upon HUD's successful Lead Hazard Control programs to expand the Department's efforts to holistically address a variety of high-priority housing-based health and safety hazards, such as mold and moisture, poor indoor air quality, pests, carbon monoxide, injury and safety hazards, in addition to lead-based paint.

This legislation is submitted as an emergency to allow the program's full activities to begin the day the grant is effective.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation requests the appropriation of \$2,000,000.00 from the General Government Grant Fund (Fund 2220), G442200.

\$1,934,015.00 of the grant is appropriated in the Department of Development, of which \$632,134.36 is appropriated for personnel costs and \$1,301,880.64 is appropriated and to be expended for goods and services. Of the \$1,301,880.64, \$1,192,500.00 shall be put on an auditor's certificate with the remainder available in the budget.

\$65,985.00 of the grant is appropriated and to be expended by Columbus Public Health, all for services.

To authorize the City of Columbus, Department of Development to accept and executed a reimbursable grant agreement of up to \$2,000,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); to authorize the appropriation of \$1,934,015.00 and expenditure of \$1,192,500.00 by the Director of the Department of Development in the General Governmental Grant fund; to authorize the appropriation of \$65,985.00 by the Health Commissioner of Columbus Public Health in the General Government Grant fund; to authorize the expenditure of pre-award costs effective April 18, 2022, and all funds the effective date of the grant; and to declare an emergency. (\$2,000,000.00) (**AMENDED BY ORD. 2390-2022 PASSED 09/12/2022**)

WHEREAS, the Department of Development seeks to accept and execute a reimbursable Healthy Homes Production

Grant agreement up to \$2,000,000.00 from the Office of Lead Hazzard Control and Healthy Homes in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate, expend, and receive reimbursement for expenditures from the federal agency for the Heathy Homes Production Grant in the amount up to \$2,000,000.00 for use by the Department of Development and Columbus Public Health; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City of Columbus, Department of Development and Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Development to accept the grant and execute the agreement to allow the program's full activities to begin the day the grant is effective, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, property, safety and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. Authorizes the City of Columbus, Department of Development to accept and execute a reimbursable Heathy Homes Production Grant agreement in an amount up to \$2,000,000.00 from the Office of Lead Hazzard Control and Healthy Homes in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and authorize pre-award costs starting April 18, 2022, and all expenditures effective the date the grant agreement is executed. The grant will be utilized by the Department of Development and Columbus Public Health.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies in Fund 2220 (General Government Grant Fund) and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the grant period, the sum of \$2,000,000.00 is appropriated **upon receipt of an executed grant agreement** in Fund 2220 (General Government Grant Fund), Dept-Div 4410 (Housing) & Dept-Div 5001, G442200, per the accounting codes attached to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$1,192,500.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 2220 (General Government Grant Fund), Dept-Div 4410 (Housing), G442200 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 5. Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 6. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 7. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.