



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$1,375,000.00 in grant monies to fund the 2022 STI Prevention Grant Program, for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Columbus Public Health has been awarded a grant through the Ohio Department of Health in the amount of \$1,375,000.00.

The STI Prevention grant program enables Columbus Public Health to identify and prevent sexually transmitted diseases through gonorrhea culture screening, syphilis elimination, gonococcal isolate surveillance, and partner services. Additionally, Columbus Public Health assures the quality of medical and laboratory services, surveillance, partner services, and data management. All activities are conducted with special emphasis on populations at high risk such as correction facilities, organizations focusing on adolescents, and managed care settings.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency so as to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the city's accounting system as soon as possible. Up to date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management.

FISCAL IMPACT: The STI Prevention Grant Program is entirely funded by the Ohio Department of Health.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept a STI Prevention Grant from the Ohio Department of Health; to authorize the appropriation of \$1,375,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,375,000.00)

WHEREAS, \$1,375,000.00 in grant funds have been made available through the Ohio Department of Health for the STI Prevention Grant Program, for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Board of Health to accept and appropriate these additional funds from the Ohio Department of Health for the support of the STI Prevention Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is submitted as an emergency so as to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the city's accounting system as soon as possible. Up to date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to accept these grant funds from the Ohio Department of Health and to appropriate these funds to the Health Department to ensure the immediate delivery of essential services, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

SECTION 1. That the Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept additional grant funds in the amount of \$1,375,000.00 from the Ohio Department of Health for the STI Prevention Grant Program, for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the twelve months ending December 31, 2022,

the sum of \$1,375,000.00 and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 50, per the accounting codes attached to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Health Commissioner and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except upon voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 4. That 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. 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 6. That all related fee revenue income is hereby deemed appropriated.

SECTION 7. That for 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 its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.