



## Legislation Text

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### **BACKGROUND**

This ordinance authorizes the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to accept two grants from the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy & Programs and to appropriate the total amount of the grant from the unappropriated balance of the general government grant fund to the Probation Department of the Franklin County Municipal Court. The work release grant (start date 4/1/24) is for \$45,000 and will fund services provided by Alvis, Inc. for defendants to stay out of jail and retain their employment. Defendants reside at Alvis at all times except when released for work. The electronic monitoring grant (start date 1/1/24) is for \$50,000 and will fund services provided by Satellite Tracking of People LLC for electronic monitoring of probationers.

**Emergency Legislation** is requested so the grant funds can be used as close to the grant start date as possible. This will allow the services to continue without the use of the general fund, preserving general fund revenue. The grant funds must be used within the grant term.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

\$95,000.00 will be expended from the General Government Grant Fund.

To authorize and direct the Administrative Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to accept two grant awards from the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy & Programs; to appropriate \$95,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the general government grant fund to the Franklin County Municipal Court for the purpose of providing work release and electronic monitoring for defendants and to enter into contract with Alvis, Inc. and Satellite Tracking of People LLC; and to declare an emergency. (\$95,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, it is in the city's best interest that the Franklin County Municipal Court receive support to allow defendants to retain employment and stay out of jail and electronically monitor probationers; and

**WHEREAS**, grant monies from the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy & Programs, in the amount of \$95,000, are available to provide for work release and electronic monitoring; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to approve the acceptance of these grants so that the grant funds can be used as close to the start date as possible, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Administrative Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to accept two grants in the amount of \$95,000 from the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy & Programs and enter into contract with Alvis, Inc. and Satellite Tracking of People, LLC.

**SECTION 2.** Funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated. That from the unappropriated balance in the general government grant fund, fund 2220, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and appropriated upon receipt of an executed grant agreement for any other purpose during the months ending 12/31/2024, the sum of \$95,000 is appropriated to the Franklin County Municipal Court.

**SECTION 3.** That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Administrative Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court and that no order shall be drawn, or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

**SECTION 4.** At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grant 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 from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the calendar year ending 12/31/2024 any additional awarded funds are appropriated in Fund 2220 according to notification of award or grant agreement by the grantor.

**SECTION 6.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble herein, which are 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 vetoes nor approves the same.