



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The Columbus Health Department has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$227,592.00 in grant money to fund the Metropolitan Medical Response System for the period of October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2006.

The purpose of the MMRS grant is to assist the CMMRS (Columbus Metropolitan Medical Response System) to enhance its jurisdiction's (Columbus and Franklin County) ability to respond to a mass casualty event. This is accomplished through the systematic integration of emergency response planning, training, communication, and incident management. The grant also allows for the enhancement of response capabilities which will enable the CMMRS to focus on: radiological preparedness; mass care sheltering and medical treatment; emergency alerting and information; National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliance; quarantine and isolation preparedness; geographic information systems; updating the CMMRS Steering Committee; and pharmaceutical cache management.

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 given the grant start date of October 1, 2004. Up to date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency and does not generate revenue.

To authorize and direct the Columbus Health Department to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$227,592.00; to authorize the appropriation of \$227,592.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Health Department Grants Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$227,592.00)

**WHEREAS,** \$227,592.00 in grant funds have been made available through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Metropolitan Medical Response System; 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 Columbus Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to accept this grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency and to appropriate these funds to the Health Department 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 Columbus Health Department is hereby authorized and directed to accept a grant award of \$227,592.00 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the Metropolitan Medical Response System for the period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2006.

**SECTION 2.** That from the unappropriated monies in the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 251, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources during the eighteen months ending December 31, 2006, the sum of \$227,592 is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 50, as follows:

Metropolitan Medical Response System

OCA: 506051 Grant No.: 506051 Obj. Level 01: 01 Amount \$42,439

OCA: 506051 Grant No.: 506051 Obj. Level 01: 02 Amount \$ 185,153

**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 by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

**SECTION 4.** That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.