



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health has been awarded additional grant funds from the Ohio Department of Health for the STD Control grant program in the amount of \$50,000.00. Franklin County (Columbus) has experienced a 65 percent increase in primary and secondary syphilis cases from January-May 2011 compared to the same time period in 2010. Due to the increasing cases this year, supplemental funds are being made available to Columbus Public Health to conduct a social marketing campaign and outreach to those target populations experiencing the most disease burden. The funds will assist Columbus Public Health in tailoring messages to fit the targeted populations and encourage screening. An integrated media campaign utilizing various mediums (print, online, radio, etc.) will be developed and implemented. The purpose of this legislation is to accept and appropriate these additional funds for the STD Control Program for the period ending December 31, 2011.

The STD Control 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 STD Control Program is entirely funded by the Ohio Department of Health. This program does not generate revenue nor require a City match.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept supplemental grant funds from the Ohio Department of Health for the STD Control grant program, in the amount of \$50,000.00, to authorize the appropriation of \$50,000.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

WHEREAS, \$50,000.00 in additional grant funds have been made available through the Ohio Department of Health for the STD Control grant program for the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept and appropriate these funds from the Ohio Department of Health for the continued support of the STD Control 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 for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to avoid any delay in the provision of service; Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That Columbus Public Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept additional grant awards totaling \$50,000.00 from the Ohio Department of Health for the STD Control grant program for the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the fund known as the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 251, and

from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the twelve months ending December 31, 2011, the sum of \$50,000.00 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Health, Department No. 50-01, as follows:

OCA: 501113; Grant: 501113; Obj Level One: 02; Amount: \$30,000.00

OCA: 501113; Grant: 501113; Obj Level One: 03; Amount: \$20,000.00

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 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.