



## Legislation Text

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### 1. BACKGROUND

The Department of Public Service, Division of Refuse Collection, Keep Columbus Beautiful (KCP) program is eligible to apply for a grant sponsored by The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Recycling & Litter Prevention in conjunction with Keep Ohio Beautiful. The grant, called 2009 Litter CleanUp Grant, is requesting support to facilitate a new promotion to help abate accumulated trash and debris, specifically Cigarette Litter, from highway interchanges and exit ramps which serve as gateways into City of Columbus neighborhoods. The promotion is designed to solicit additional Adopt-an-Area Partners for these litter hot spots and collaborate with highway maintenance efforts of local, county and state authorities during the Spring of 2009.

The ODNR Division of Recycling and Litter Prevention has allocated \$200,000 to promote community participation in the Keep Ohio Beautiful Month awareness campaign. Grant awards may range in the amount of \$200, up to but no more than \$2,500. Those eligible to apply include Ohio counties, municipal corporations, townships, villages, solid waste management districts or authorities and Keep Ohio Beautiful-designated communities.

Keep Columbus Beautiful is requesting an award of \$2,500.00 to implement a sustainable litter abatement program for select ramps and interchanges leading to core city neighborhoods with designated driving points such as Children's Hospital, The Ohio State University, Short North/Arena District/Convention Center, Capital University/DeVry Institute, State Offices, Crew Stadium and more. This legislation authorizes the Public Service Director to formally apply for the grant and accept it, if awarded. This ordinance also authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of these funds within the General Government Grant Fund.

### 2. FISCAL IMPACT

None. No city match is required for this grant. No cash match is expected, but local financial or in-kind contributions will help to demonstrate a sense of commitment, and offset the overall cost of the project. KCB resources that will be dedicated to managing/implementing this grant are included in the program's 2009 operating budget within the Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund.

### 3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency action is requested to apply for this funding to meet the application deadline. Applications must be U.S. postmarked or delivered by November 17, 2008. If awarded, monies must be used to complete a litter cleanup activity on public land areas, roadsides or waterways between March 1 - May 31, 2009.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Service to apply to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Recycling & Litter Prevention to facilitate a new Cigarette Litter abatement effort to remove litter from targeted ramps and interchanges leading into neighborhoods with highly visible destination areas and accept said grant if awarded; to authorize the appropriation of \$2,500.00 within the General Government Grant Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$2,500.00 or so much thereof as may be needed for this purpose from the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$2,500.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Keep Columbus Beautiful program is eligible to apply for the *2009 Litter CleanUp Grant*, sponsored by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR); and

**WHEREAS**, this grant is designed to facilitate a Cigarette Litter abatement promotion in the Spring of 2009 and collaborative efforts with the City of Columbus, state and local county jurisdictions who cleanup litter on highways and partnering with KEEP OHIO BEAUTIFUL and their Untrash Ohio promotional effort and annual spring partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation for roadway cleanups, and

**WHEREAS**, Keep Columbus Beautiful must submit an application by November 17, 2008, and

**WHEREAS**, it is immediately necessary to authorize the Public Service Director to apply for the grant and accept it if awarded as soon as possible to allow the planning for an effective litter abatement project and misc. sustainable efforts in Spring of 2009; thereby

preserving 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 Director of Public Service be and hereby is authorized to apply to The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Recycling & Litter Prevention for the 2009 Litter Cleanup Grant designed to facilitate a Cigarette Litter abatement promotion in the Spring of 2009 and collaborative efforts with the City of Columbus, state and local county jurisdictions who cleanup litter on highways and partnering with Keep Ohio Beautiful and their Untrash Ohio promotional effort and annual spring partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation for roadway cleanups and to accept said grant if awarded.

**Section 2.** That from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund, Fund 220, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009, the sum of \$2,500.00 be and hereby is appropriated to the Refuse Collection Division, Department No. 59-02.

**Section 3.** That the City Auditor shall establish accounting codes as necessary.

**Section 4.** That the monies appropriated in Section 2 shall be paid upon order of the Public Service Director 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 5.** That the Public Service Director be and hereby is authorized to expend \$2,500.00 or so much thereof as may be needed to pay appropriate 2009 Litter CleanUp Grant program expenses from the General Government Grant Fund, Fund 220, Refuse Collection Division, Department No. 59-02, Object Level One Code 02, Object Level Three Code 2200, OCA Code and Grant number to be established by the City Auditor.

**Section 6.** 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 its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.