



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The Division of Police has been awarded a FY2010 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Act grant. This is a federal grant program from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice. The City must be a sub grantee to the State of Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services to participate in this program according to the federal grant guidelines. Therefore, the Mayor is required to sign a subgrantee award to accept this grant on behalf of the City. The official City contact authorized to act in connection with this grant is Crime Lab Manager, Jami St. Clair. The grant program provides funds to improve forensic crime lab activities. This award will fund training and travel costs for Columbus Police Department forensic lab personnel to attend new and/or updated forensic training, pay overtime costs for work on ballistics and drug analysis, and purchase a microscope with a digital camera for recording firearms evidence.

**EMERGENCY DESIGNATION:** Emergency legislation is needed to make the grant funds available as quickly as possible for upcoming training registration deadlines and to begin the purchasing process procedures. The grant award period started October 1, 2010.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This ordinance authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of a grant in the amount of \$52,975.43 from the Federal government for training, overtime costs, and equipment for the City's Crime Lab. There will be no fiscal impact on the General Fund. All funds appropriated are reimbursable from the grant award.

To authorize and direct the Mayor of the City of Columbus to accept a subgrantee award through the FY2010 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act via the State of Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services; to authorize Jami St. Clair, Crime Lab Manager, as the official city representative to act in connection with the subgrant; to authorize an appropriation of \$52,975.43 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund to the Division of Police to cover the costs of the subgrant project; and to declare an emergency (\$52,975.43).

**WHEREAS,** the Division of Police was awarded funding through the FY2010 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act for the training of forensic lab personnel, the purchase of minor equipment for the Crime Lab and funds for overtime costs on ballistics and drug analysis cases; and

**WHEREAS,** advancing technology and new Crime Lab employees have created a need for up to date and additional forensic science training, overtime funds and equipment for the Crime Lab; and

**WHEREAS,** Crime Lab Manager Jami St. Clair has been identified as the official representative to act in connection with this FY2010 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act Subgrant and to provide information as required; and

**WHEREAS,** this ordinance is being submitted as an emergency measure because the grant funds need to be made available as quickly as possible so that personnel can register for training opportunities and begin the procedures for grant purchases during the grant award period which started October 1, 2010; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the daily operation of the Public Safety Department, Division of Police, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Mayor to accept a FY2010 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act Subgrant for the Division of Police Crime Lab and to authorize an appropriation for the grant activities 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 Mayor of the City of Columbus be and is hereby authorized and directed to accept a FY2010 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act Subgrant for specialized training, overtime funding, and minor equipment for the Columbus Police Crime Lab.

**SECTION 2.** That Crime Lab Manager Jami St. Clair is designated as the official program contact and authorized to act in connection with the FY2010 Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Grant Program, and to provide any additional information required.

**SECTION 3.** That from the unappropriated monies in the General Government Grant Fund and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purposes during the subgrant award period the sum of \$52,975.43 is appropriated as follows:

DIV	FUND	OBJ LV#1	OBJ LV#3	OCA#	GRANT#	AMOUNT
3003	220	01	1102	331101	331101	\$24,227.97
3003	220	01	1121	331101	331101	2,180.00
3003	220	01	1160	331101	331101	3,392.00
3003	220	01	1171	331101	331101	351.00
3003	220	01	1173	331101	331101	727.00
3003	220	02	2206	331101	331101	1,762.46
3003	220	03	3330	331101	331101	16,735.00
3003	220	03	3331	331101	331101	3,600.00

**SECTION 4.** That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 3 shall be paid upon order of the Director of Public Safety; 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 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.