



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes an agreement with the Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO), State of Ohio, for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - FFY22 and to appropriate funds to cover the costs of the program. The OTSO works to reduce high traffic related crashes to save lives and reduce injuries and economic loss. This program will target reducing fatal crashes through enforcement activity by uniformed officers for non-impaired driver violations. Examples include speed and restraint violation, driver license violations, and distracted driving within the interstate system in the City of Columbus and major arterial streets during specific holiday and national mobilization periods. The agreement authorizes reimbursement for the overtime costs of sworn personnel working on the program. The funding for the agreement is dependent on federal funds from the US Department of Transportation for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 and follows the fiscal year period, October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency legislation is necessary to make funds available for the grant funded activity period that starts October 1, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the appropriation of \$65,864.74 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund for the Division of Police to cover the costs associated with the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) - FFY22. All funds appropriated, except workers compensation costs, are reimbursable from the State of Ohio. \$974.83 in Worker's Compensation costs will be covered by a transfer from Police's existing appropriation in their 2021 General Fund budget. FFY19 STEP expenditures were \$35,521.51, FFY20 expenditures were \$11,467.32 and FFY21 expenditures were \$28,897.61 as of the date of this legislation.

To authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Traffic Safety Office, State of Ohio, to participate in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - FFY22; to authorize an appropriation of \$65,864.74 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund to the Division of Police to cover the costs associated with this project; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer \$974.83 within the General Fund; to authorize a transfer of \$974.83 from the General Fund to the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$65,864.74).

WHEREAS, the Division of Police will work overtime on a program to target reducing fatal crashes by enforcement activity by uniformed officers for non-impaired driver violations. Examples include speed and restraint violations, driver license violations, and distracted driving within the interstate system of the City of Columbus and major arterial streets during specific holiday and national mobilization periods; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Safety needs to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO), State of Ohio, who will provide funds through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - FFY22 to the City of Columbus, Division of Police; and,

WHEREAS, an appropriation and transfer is needed to cover the costs associated with the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - FFY22; and,

WHEREAS, the project period starts October 1, 2021 and ends September 30, 2022 and appropriation authority needs to be available as soon as possible for the specified holiday periods in 2021; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in

that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into the aforementioned agreement for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - FFY22 and to appropriate \$65,864.74 and to transfer \$974.83 for the project costs, thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, safety, and welfare; **now, therefore:**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Traffic Safety Office, State of Ohio, and to accept an award in the amount of \$64,889.91, which represents funding for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - FFY22.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor shall be authorized to transfer within Police's General Fund budget, the amount of \$974.83 from Object Class 01-Personnel to Object Class 10-Transfers, per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That General Funds in the amount of \$974.83 are hereby authorized for transfer between the General Fund and the General Government Grant Fund, per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. 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 purpose during the project period, the sum of \$65,864.74 is appropriated in fund 2220 General Government Grants in Obj. Class 01, Obj. Class 02, and Obj. Class 03 per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 4 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 6. That at the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which it originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 7. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated in an amount not to exceed the available cash balance in the fund.

SECTION 8. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, 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.