



City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, the City of Columbus was awarded \$7,403,500 from the U.S. Department of Energy as a formula allocation of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). Funds are being used to develop, promote, implement and manage programs designed to reduce fossil fuel emissions, reduce total energy usage, improve energy efficiency, and create and retain jobs. The City of Columbus is addressing these goals with the following activities:

- Bike infrastructure improvements
- Energy efficient retrofit for the central safety building
- Energy efficient lighting at Columbus fire stations
- Participate with the State of Ohio to retrofit the Center of Science and Industry
- Retrofit the Cultural Arts Center with energy efficient lighting
- Retrofit the city's pedestrian signal heads with energy efficient LED technology
- Retrofit homes for low-income households in the Columbus area with energy efficient lighting and appliances.

Ordinance 0868-2009 authorized the city to apply for and accept the grant. Appropriations were established per ordinance 1511-2009.

The grant will expire on December 20, 2012 and it is necessary at this time to realign appropriations to complete projects and grant administration during the close out period.

Fiscal Impact: This legislation will transfer funds between departments, object levels and OCA codes with no net impact on the total appropriation.

This legislation is submitted as an emergency to allow the financial transactions to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible. Up to date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management.

To authorize the appropriation transfer of \$22,665.00 between departments, object levels and organizational cost account codes of the General Government Grant Fund to provide Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding for approved programs, and to declare an emergency (\$22,665.00).

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has been awarded \$7,403,500 from the U.S. Department of Energy for the implementation of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant programs; and

WHEREAS, adjustments are needed in the appropriations on the books of the City of Columbus in order to properly align funding for the EECBG programs; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City of Columbus, in that it is immediately necessary to transfer appropriation between departments and object levels within the general government grant fund, 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 Auditor's Office is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations of \$22,665, within fund 220, grant number 459106, as follows:

FROM: Dept 59-11, OCA 599206, Object Level One 06, Object Level Three 6621, \$9,600
Dept 45-50, OCA 459109, Object Level One 01, Object Level Three 1101, \$13,065

TO: Dept 45-01, OCA 459107, Object Level One 01 Object Level Three 1101, \$22,283
Dept 45-50, OCA 459110, Object Level One 01, Object Level Three 1101, \$382

SECTION 2: 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.