



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** Columbus Public Health has been awarded additional funds from the Ohio Department of Health. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$740,929.00 in additional funds for the COVID-19 Enhanced Operations Subgrant Program for the period of August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023.

This grant (G502228) will be increased from \$989,736.00 to \$1,730,665.00 as a result of these additional funds. The purpose of this grant is for COVID-19 mitigation activities in specific environments such as school districts and congregate situations.

Emergency action is requested to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible and not delay the COVID-19 mitigation activities in schools and congregate settings.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The grant program award (\$1,730,665.00) is fully funded by the Ohio Department of Health, and does not generate or require a City match.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept additional funding from the Ohio Department of Health for the COVID-19 Enhanced Operations Subgrant Program in the amount of \$740,929.00; to authorize the appropriation of \$740,929.00 to the Health Department in the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$740,929.00)

**WHEREAS**, \$740,929.00 in additional grant funds have been made available to the Health Department through the Ohio Department of Health for the COVID-19 Enhanced Operations Subgrant Program for the period of August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to accept and appropriate these funds from the Ohio Department of Health for the support of the COVID-19 Enhanced Operations Subgrant Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City may receive additional funds awarded from the Ohio Department of Health for the support of COVID-19 Enhanced Operations Subgrant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to allow the City Auditor to transfer appropriations between object classes for the COVID-19 Enhanced Operations grant program as needed upon request by the Columbus Public Health department.; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Health in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in that it is immediately necessary to accept this grant from the Ohio Department of Health to prevent, prepare for, and respond to a public health emergency in central Ohio and 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 Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept additional funds in the amount of \$740,929.00 from the Ohio Department of Health for the COVID-19 Enhanced Operations Subgrant Program period August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023.

**SECTION 2.** That from the unappropriated monies in the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources for the period ending July 31, 2023, the sum of \$740,929.00 and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 5001, upon receipt of an executed grant agreement.

**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 by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

**SECTION 4.** 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 they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

**SECTION 5.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 6.** That the Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept any additional grant awards from the Ohio Department of Health for the COVID-19 Enhanced Operations Subgrant Program for the period August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023.

**SECTION 7.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between object classes for the COVID-19 Enhanced Operations Subgrant Program as needed upon request by the Columbus Public Health department to carry out the purpose of the grant.

**SECTION 8.** That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.