



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Columbus Health Department was awarded a grant from the Ohio Department of Health to fund the Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control grant program, for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. This ordinance is needed to appropriate \$9,261 in grant money in order to reimburse the grantor for unspent grant monies.

The Columbus Health Department contracted with the Latino Empowerment Outreach Network (LEON) to provide syphilis education and elimination services as part of this grant program. LEON invoiced and was reimbursed for services through December 31, 2007. Subsequently, LEON informed the Columbus Health Department that it had incorrectly invoiced, and returned the grant funds to the Columbus Health Department. The Columbus Health Department now needs to reimburse the Ohio Department of Health for these unspent grant monies.

The STD Control program enables the Columbus Health Department to identify and prevent sexually transmitted diseases through gonorrhea culture screening, syphilis elimination, gonococcal isolate surveillance, and partner services. Additionally, the Columbus Health Department assures the quality of medical and laboratory services, surveillance, partner services, and data management. All activities are conducted with special emphasis on populations at high risk such as correction facilities, organizations focusing on adolescents, and managed care settings.

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

FISCAL IMPACT: The STD Control Program is entirely funded by the Ohio Department of Health and does not generate revenue or require a City match.

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To authorize an appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Health Department Grants Fund in the amount of \$9,261, in order to reimburse the Ohio Department of Health for unspent grant monies; and to declare an emergency. (\$9,261)

WHEREAS, \$362,494 in grant funds were awarded through the Ohio Department of Health for the STD Control grant program for the period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, additional appropriation is necessary in order to reimburse the Ohio Department of Health for unspent grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, this ordinance is submitted as an emergency so as to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible. Up to date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate these funds to the Health Department for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to avoid delay in the reimbursement of the grant monies; Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That from the unappropriated monies in the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 251, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources during the twelve months ending December 31, 2008, the sum of \$9,261 is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 50, as follows:

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SECTION 2. 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 upon voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 3. 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.