



Legislation Text

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Explanation

BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes an appropriation of funds in the Hester F. Dysart Paramedic Continuing Education Trust Fund for the Division of Fire. There is a need to appropriate \$20,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of funds in the Hester F. Dysart Paramedic Continuing Education Trust Fund. Ordinance No. 1955-79, passed September 10, 1979, established the Hester F. Dysart Paramedic Continuing Education Trust Fund in order to provide supplemental monies for continuing education of Fire Division Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel. The Training Bureau has identified continuing education courses and training materials for paramedics for which these funds are required. Actual and anticipated receipts into the said funds are estimated to be sufficient to support this appropriation.

The Division of Fire expended approximately \$4,678.32 in 2013, \$3,110.64 in 2012, \$5,000.00 in 2011, \$8,700.00 in 2010 and \$6,000.00 in 2009 from this fund for said purpose.

Bid Information: N/A

Contract Compliance: N/A

Emergency Designation: Emergency action is requested to make funding immediately available for pending training requests.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an appropriation of \$20,000.00 in the Hester F. Dysart Paramedic Continuing Education Trust Fund for the Division of Fire. The amount of Dysart Trust Fund monies currently available for appropriation and use totals approximately \$24,228.38. There are no matching funds required of the General Fund budget. The Dysart Trust Fund monies shall be used for training and educational purposes in the ratio of two dollars to each non-Dysart fund dollar. The cost of the additional one third shall be paid by the personnel involved.

To authorize an appropriation of \$20,000.00, from the unappropriated monies in the Hester F. Dysart Paramedic Continuing Education Trust Fund for the Division of Fire; and to declare an emergency. (\$20,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire Training Bureau encourages participation in continuing education courses and seminars by medic personnel as technology advances and new protocols dictate that EMS personnel use the most professional methods available; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire can utilize the funds in the Hester F. Dysart Paramedic Continuing Education Trust Fund for this purpose with the matching funds provisions as set forth in Ordinance No. 1955-79; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire, in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate said funds for the Division of Fire for pending training requests for the 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 from the unappropriated cash balance and from any and all sources estimated to come into said fund and unappropriated for any other purpose, the following sum is appropriated to the designated codes in the Public Safety Department 30, Fire Division #30-04, Hester F. Dysart Paramedic Continuing Education Trust Fund #230, OCA Code 631408, OL3 Code 3331, in the amount \$20,000.00.

SECTION 2. That all funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this sub-fund are hereby deemed appropriated in an amount not to exceed cash in the sub-fund.

SECTION 3. That the monies appropriated in Section 2 shall be paid upon order of the Public Safety Director 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. That the Public Safety Director be and hereby is authorized to expend these monies or so much thereof as may be needed to fund the aforementioned fire training programs on behalf of the Division of Fire for the City of Columbus.

SECTION 5. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared 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.