



Legislation Text

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This ordinance amends previously passed ordinances 0888-2021 and 1490-2021 to authorize the expenditure of \$441,000.00 from the Recovery Fund and to authorize the Auditor to and revise funding sources for the associated grant agreements.

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any delay in deploying the financial resources necessary to support these expenditures.

To amend ordinances 0888-2021 and 1490-2021 to authorize the expenditure of \$441,000.00 from the Recovery Fund and to authorize the Auditor to revise funding sources; to authorize the modification of a grant agreement, and to declare an emergency (\$441,000.00).

WHEREAS, previously approved ordinances 0888-2021 and 1490-2021 were approved on April 5, 2021 and June 14, 2021, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in an outsized economic downturn and sluggish recovery for communities of color and low-income individuals, and it and has also accelerated crime rates and the city's homicide rate specifically; and.

WHEREAS, The End the Violence effort, which was approved for grant funding by operation of ordinance 0888-2021, provides violence intervention, work opportunities, and other supports to residents in order to address the root causes of violence and mitigate the economic instability that COVID-19 has brought to Columbus; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to overcome vaccine hesitancy in order to stop the spread of COVID-19 as improved vaccination rates are demonstrably the fastest, most effective means by which to slow the rate within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Right to Recover program, which was approved for grant funding by operation of ordinance 1490-2021, which began as a program to provide income replacement to low-income residents afflicted with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis is now seeking to improve vaccination rates in these same communities by incentivizing full vaccination for low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, the expenditure of American Rescue Plan funding support the End the Violence and Right to Recover programs in these efforts is crucial to our economic recovery and necessary to stem the tide of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 0888-2021 authorized the expenditure of \$500,000.00 from the General Fund and this ordinance amends the expenditure authorization to replace \$166,000.00 (of the \$500,000.00) with American Rescue Plan Recovery Fund proceeds to better align funding sources with expenditure classifications; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1490-2021 authorized the expenditure of \$275,000.00 from the Neighborhood Initiatives Subfund and this ordinance amends the expenditure authorization to replace \$275,000.00 with American Rescue Plan Recovery Fund proceeds to better align funding sources with expenditure classifications; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance will authorize the Auditor to revise funding sources for the grant agreements associated with

those previously approved ordinances to allow for the use of American Rescue Plan funding; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that it is necessary to authorize the Auditor to revise funding sources in order to avoid any delay in deploying the financial resources necessary to support these expenditures; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

SECTION 1. That ordinance 0888-2021 is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 2. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate ~~\$500,000.00~~ \$334,000.00 to the Department of Finance and Management within the Reimagine Safety fund in object class 10-Transfers, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer ~~\$500,000.00~~ \$334,000.00 from the Reimagine Safety subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100019, to the general fund, fund 1000, subfund 100010, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate ~~\$500,000.00~~ \$334,000.00 to the Department of Finance and Management within the general fund, fund 1000, subfund 100010, in 03-Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That per the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of ~~\$500,000.00~~ \$334,000.00 from the general fund is hereby authorized.

SECTION 6. That per the action authorized in SECTION 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$166,000.00 from the Recovery Fund 2209 is hereby authorized.

SECTION 7. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes necessary to revise the funding source for all contract or contract modifications associated with this ordinance to ensure that this purchase is properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the City's financial records.

SECTION 86. 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.

SECTION 2. That the Director of Finance and Management is hereby authorized and directed to modify the grant agreement originally authorized by ordinance 0888-2021 to allow for the utilization of Recovery Fund dollars to support expenses associated with the grant.

SECTION 3. That ordinance 1490-2021 is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 3. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate ~~\$275,000.00~~ within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100018, to the Department of Finance and Management in Service -03 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4 3. That per the action authorized in Section 2 of this ordinance, the expenditure of \$275,000.00 or so much thereof as needed within the Neighborhood Initiatives subfund Recovery Fund 2209 is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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SECTION 54. 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.

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SECTION 4. 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 the earliest period allowed by law passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor does not approve the same.