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**BACKGROUND:** Columbus Public Health's Chemical Emergency Preparedness Program has been awarded funds from the Franklin County Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC) for services that will be rendered during 2023-2024. This ordinance will authorize the acceptance of these funds and the appropriation of \$74,269.80.

The Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC) provides a professional network of individuals who help provide training, exercises and information to industry, responders and the public with regards to chemical awareness and safety. Our primary purpose is to maintain a database of all facilities that store or produce chemicals in reportable quantities. Additionally, we help to provide and promote chemical safety throughout Franklin County and for the City of Columbus.

Emergency action is requested due to the immediate need to bolster emergency response preparedness for chemical disaster; and to avoid forfeiture of the grant.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Columbus Public Health's CEPAC program is funded by the Franklin County EMA, CEPAC and will not generate revenue or require a city match. (\$74,269.80)

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept funds from the Franklin County Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC) in the amount of \$74,269.80; to authorize the appropriation of \$74,269.80 to the unappropriated balance of the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$74,269.80)

**WHEREAS,** funds have been made available through the Franklin County Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC) for Columbus Public Health's CEPAC program; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to authorize the acceptance and appropriation of the funds; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to accept funds from the Franklin County Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC) and to appropriate these funds for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; to avoid forfeiture of the grant, and to not delay any CEPAC required programming from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That Columbus Public Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept \$74,269.80 from the Franklin County Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC) for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

**SECTION 2.** That from the unappropriated monies in the Health Department's Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources during the grant period, up to \$74,269.80 and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 5001, according to the attached accounting document.

**SECTION 3.** That, 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 4.** 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 5.** 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 6.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

**SECTION 7.** 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.