



City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City of Columbus has been awarded unallocated funds from Federal Fiscal Year 2011/12/13 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs via the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs. The JAG program provides funding to allow states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. The FY11/12/13 JAG award for DNA Interpretation Improvements is for the purchase of expert system software to enable police crime lab personnel to more efficiently process DNA samples with multiple sources. The award includes funding for personnel training in the use of the system and software support and upgrades. The City must act as subgrantee to the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs. Therefore, the Mayor is required to sign a subgrantee award on behalf of the City. The official City program contact authorized to act in connection with this grant is Police Crime Lab Manager Jami St Clair.

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is necessary to make the awarded funds available as soon as possible because the grant period start date is September 1, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT: JAG Grant Funds that were not allocated in FY11/12/13 have been awarded to the City for DNA Interpretation Improvement. All appropriated funds will be reimbursed by the grant award.

To authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbus to accept a subgrantee award through the FY11/12/13 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program from the Bureau of Justice Assistance via the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs; to authorize an appropriation of \$69,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund to the Division of Police to cover the costs associated with the DNA Interpretation Improvements Project; and to declare an emergency. (\$69,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Division of Police, was awarded funding through the unallocated FY11/12/13 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the purchase of expert system software for DNA sample interpretation including personnel training on the use of the system and software support and upgrades; and

WHEREAS, Police Crime Lab Manager Jami St Clair has been identified as the official City program contact authorized to act in connection with the FY11/12/13 JAG subgrant; and

WHEREAS, emergency legislation is needed to make the funds available as soon as possible because the grant award period starts September 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual and daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to accept and appropriate the FY11/12/13 DNA Interpretation Improvements Subgrant Award for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, property, safety and welfare, now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Mayor of the City of Columbus be and is hereby authorized and directed to accept a FY11/12/13 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the purchase of expert system software, personnel training on the system use and software support and upgrades.

SECTION 2. That Police Crime Lab Manager Jami St Clair is designated as the official City program contact to act in connection with the DNA Interpretation Improvements Project and to provide information as required.

SECTION 3. That from the unappropriated monies in the General Government Grant Fund and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the project period the sum of \$69,000.00 is appropriated as follows:

<u>Div</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>ObjLv 1</u>	<u>ObjLv 3</u>	<u>OCA</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
30-03	220	02	2224	331405	331405	61,300.00
30-03	220	03	3330	331405	331405	2,700.00
30-03	220	03	3331	331405	331405	5,000.00

This appropriation is effective upon receipt of the fully executed agreement.

SECTION 4. That the monies in the foregoing Section 3 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of Public Safety; 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 5. At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balance required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any used City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 6. That all funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated in an amount not to exceed the available cash balance in the fund.

SECTION 7. 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.