



Legislation Text

File #: 0091-2008, Version: 1

BACKGROUND: The Ben Franklin Tuberculosis Control Program established a fee structure for skin tests in August, 2004. This fee ensures that residents of Columbus and Franklin County continue to have access to healthcare, and enhances revenue for continued and new services for the mission of TB Control and Elimination. The TB Program bills fees to clients' third party insurances when available, and uses a sliding fee scale based on Federal Poverty Guidelines, so no clients are denied services due to the inability to pay. This ordinance authorizes supplemental appropriation of \$220,000 for revenues from the TB skin tests.

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 Ben Franklin Tuberculosis Clinic is funded by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and client fees. The grant is administered in the Health Department Grants Fund.

..Title

To authorize a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Health Department Grants Fund for fees collected by the Ben Franklin Tuberculosis Clinic for TB skin tests, in an amount of \$220,000; and to declare an emergency. (\$220,000)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide \$220,000 in fee revenues for the continued support of the Ben Franklin Tuberculosis Clinic; 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 any delays in client services; Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the sum of \$220,000 is hereby authorized and directed to be appropriated from the unappropriated balance 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, to the Health Department, Department No. 50-01, as follows:

OCA: 507104; Grant No.: 507104; OL01: 01; Amount: \$140,000

OCA: 507104; Grant No.: 507104; OL01: 02; Amount: \$ 80,000

SECTION 2. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 1 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.