



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health and the Mayor's CelebrateOne Program have been awarded a grant from Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services (FCDJFS) with \$700,000.00 originating from the US Department of Health and Human Services and \$250,000.00 from FCDJFS general fund. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$950,000.00 in grant monies to implement a safe sleep campaign, media services, safe sleep survival kits with cribs, and initiatives for a Westside Community Project for the period of August 23, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

On average, one baby dies every other week in Franklin County due to unsafe sleep practices. Many of these deaths could be prevented by following the ABCs of infant safe sleep - that babies should sleep Alone, on their Backs, and in an empty Crib, every night, every nap, every time. The allocated funding will help in the efforts to reduce sleep related deaths in Franklin County through an educational marketing campaign, distribution of cribs for families in need and a Westside Community Project.

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, given the grant start date of August 23, 2017. Up to date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management.

FISCAL IMPACT: The program is funded by Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health and the Mayor's CelebrateOne Program to accept a grant from Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services to implement a safe sleep campaign and initiatives for CelebrateOne in the amount of \$950,000.00; to authorize the appropriation of \$700,000.00 to the Health Department in the Health Department Grants Fund and \$250,000.00 to the Mayor's Office in the General Government Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$950,000.00)

WHEREAS, \$950,000.00 in grant funds have been made available to the Health Department and the Mayor's CelebrateOne Program through the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services for safe sleep initiatives; 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 due to the grant begin date of August 23, 2017. Up to date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health and the Mayor's CelebrateOne Program in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board of Health to accept this grant from Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services, and to appropriate these funds to the Health Department and Mayor's CelebrateOne Program for the immediate 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 the Board of Health and the Mayor's Office is hereby authorized and directed to accept a grant award of \$950,000.00 from Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services for the period August 23, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the Health Department, Fund No. 2251 and Mayor's Office, Fund No. 2220, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources for the period ending September 30, 2018, the sum of \$950,000.00 upon receipt of an executed grant agreement and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated per the accounting codes attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Health Commissioner and/or the Mayor, 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. 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 5. 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 6. 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.