City of Columbus

Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: An appropriation is needed for the FY2008 COPS Technology Program award for the Integrated Mobile Computing/Digital Video Solution project. Previous Ordinance No. 1092-2008 authorized the application for and, if awarded, acceptance of this grant funded and administered by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). This project will enable public safety officers to share voice and video information within minutes of recording the data. It will use newer technology to record, move, store and access data safely and securely via a wireless system located in the police substations and Central Police Headquarters. This will enhance access to data for investigations, prosecutions, public records requests, information sharing and crime prevention. The grant expenditures will include the purchase of digital video cruiser cameras, computer servers, hard drives, wireless controllers, software licenses, installation, field services and maintenance agreements.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency legislation is needed as the Police Division is in the middle of the grant award period which began in late December 2007 and purchasing activities must begin as soon as possible for use of the grant funds.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an appropriation of $1,215,890.00 in the General Government Grant Fund to pay for costs associated with the Integrated Mobile Computer/Digital Video project for the Police Division. There is no required city match and, therefore, no impact on the General Fund.

To authorize an appropriation of $1,215,890.00 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund to the Division of Police for the costs of the Integrated Mobile Computer/Digital Video project; and to declare an emergency ($1,215,890.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus Division of Police has been awarded funding through a FY2008 COPS Technology Program Grant for the Integrated Mobile Computer/Digital Video project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus Division of Police is in need of an upgraded system for mobile computing and digital video data; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Police is in the middle of the grant award period and purchasing activities need to begin as soon as possible for the grant project; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize an appropriation for the grant project, Integrated Mobile Computing/Digital Video, for the 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 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 purposes during the grant period the sum of $1,215,890.00 is appropriated as follows:

DIV	FUND	OBJ#1	OBJ#3	OCA	GRANT	AMOUNT
30-03	220	02	2193	338097	338097	$138,398.00
30-03	220	03	3336	338097	338097	415,871.00
30-03	220	03	3358	338097	338097	16,745.00
30-03	220	03	3372	338097	338097	56,650.00

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| 30-03 | 220 | 06 | 6649 | 338097 | 338097 | 11,762.00 |

SECTION 2. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 1 shall be paid upon 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 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.