



City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City of Columbus has been awarded a Federal Fiscal Year 2011 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 total FY11 JAG award amount to the City of Columbus is \$325,872.90. Although the grant awarded \$225,872.90 under the purpose area of technology improvements for updates, maintenance, and service to the Division of Police's Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), the Department of Public Safety may request a change in program allocation from the grantor. The remaining \$100,000.00 is awarded as partial funding for a joint Franklin County and City of Columbus collaborative project for staffing for an area Re-entry Program. The county will have all the fiscal responsibilities for the Re-entry Project funding. 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 the AFIS Project is Technical Services Bureau AFIS Manager, William Hannah. Staff in the City Safety Director's Office will be the primary contact for the Re-entry Program portion of this FY11 JAG grant.

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is necessary to meet grant deadlines and to make the funds available at the earliest possible time. The grant award period start date is January 1, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund. All appropriated funds will be reimbursed by the grant award.

To authorize and direct the Mayor of the City of Columbus to accept a subgrantee award through the FY11 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs via the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs, to authorize William Hannah as the official City representative to act in connection with the AFIS subgrant, to authorize an appropriation of \$225,872.90 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund to the Division of Police to cover the costs associated with the improvements, maintenance, and services for the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) or other projects, and to declare an emergency. (\$225,872.90)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Division of Police, was awarded funding through the FY11 Justice Assistance Grant program for technology updates, maintenance, and services for the Division of Police Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety, may at a future date request that the AFIS funds be reallocated to projects that are of higher priority; and

WHEREAS, the FY11 Justice Assistance Grant award includes \$100,000.00 for a collaborative City of Columbus and Franklin County Re-entry Program with the County having fiscal responsibility for these awarded funds; and

WHEREAS, emergency legislation is needed to meet the grant deadlines and to make grant funds available at the earliest possible time because the grant award period start date is January 1, 2012; 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 \$225,872.90 amount of the FY11 Justice Assistance Grant award for the Columbus Division of Police Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Project or other projects to be identified later 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 Justice Assistance Grant for technological updates, maintenance, and service for the Columbus Division of Police Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) or other projects to be identified later and a joint City of Columbus and Franklin County Re-entry Program.

SECTION 2. That William Hannah is designated as the official City program contact and authorized to act in connection with the FY11 Justice Assistance Grant AFIS 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 \$225,872.90 is appropriated as follows:

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SECTION 4. Funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated.

SECTION 5. That the monies in the foregoing Section 3 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 6. 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 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.