



City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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This ordinance transfers \$100,000.00 from Fund 225 Subfund 001 Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund to Fund 226 Subfund 004 Municipal Court Special Programs, Specialty Docket. The Specialty Docket consists of two programs, the Solicitation Program and the Addiction Program. The Solicitation Program Specialty Docket, Changing Actions To Change Habits (CATCH Program), is intended to provide a mechanism to promote effective treatment as an alternative to incarceration for a person whose multiple solicitation arrests, summons and charges have negatively impacted the person's quality of life and community safety. Many of these individuals have a history of multiple arrests, criminal behavior, drug addiction, poverty and being victimized as a result of soliciting. The CATCH Program requires limited court involvement in treatment planning and compliance, which should result in more effective utilization of other court and county resources.

The Addiction Program Specialty Docket (APSD) provides a mechanism to promote effective treatment as an alternative to incarceration for a person whose arrests, summons and charges are associated with alcohol and/or chemical dependence (AOD), which negatively impact the person's quality of life and community safety. Many of these individuals have a history of multiple arrests, typically OMVI, criminal behavior, drug addiction, poverty and transient housing. The APSD requires limited court involvement in treatment planning and compliance, which should result in more effective utilization of other county and court resources.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Transfer funds from the Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund for continued funding of the Municipal Court's Specialty Docket Program.

EMERGENCY: Emergency action is requested to continue funding for personnel expenditures and operating costs of the program.

To authorize and direct the City Auditor to authorize the appropriation and transfer of \$100,000.00 from the Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund to provide funds for personnel and miscellaneous operating costs in the Specialty Docket Program; and to declare an emergency. (\$100,000.00)

Whereas, The Franklin County Municipal Court operates the Specialty Docket which consists of two programs (CATCH and ADAP) to help ensure that an adequate treatment response is accessible to defendants exhibiting histories of alcohol and /or chemical dependence, and;

Whereas, \$100,000.00 from the Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund to be allocated to the Municipal Court Judges in order to continue to support the Specialty Court Docket Program; and

Whereas, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges in that it is immediately necessary to undertake said activities, in order for the Specialty Docket Program to commence expending these funds, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; now therefore;

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

SECTION 1. That the City Auditor be authorized to appropriate and transfer \$100,000.00 as follows:

From:

Fund 225 Subfund 001 Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund, OCA 250266, OL3 5000

To:

Fund 226 Subfund 004 Municipal Court Special Programs, Specialty Docket, OCA 226004, OL3 1000.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that these transactions are properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the city's financial records

SECTION 3. That for the 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.