



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to accept and appropriate \$75,000.00 in grant funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the 2024 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) grant program, for the period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

The WPCLF program was created to assist the residents of Ohio with the repair or replacement of failing septic systems in hopes to improve the overall water quality in the state. The program is providing financial assistance to low to moderate income homeowners with the repair or replacement of failing systems. Columbus Public Health will solicit and identify local homeowners in Columbus that meet the income eligibility criteria outlined in the program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The 2024 WPCLF program is fully funded by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and does not generate revenue or require a City Match. (\$75,000.00)

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept a grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and any additional funds for the 2024 WPCLF program; to authorize the appropriation of funds, including any additional funds, from the unappropriated balance of the Health Department Grants Funds; to authorize an expenditure of \$75,000.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund; and to authorize the City Auditor to transfer appropriations between object classes for the 2024 WPCLF program. (\$75,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** \$75,000.00 in grant funds have been made available to Columbus Public Health through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the 2024 WPCLF program for the period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to accept and appropriate these funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the support of the 2024 WPCLF program; and,

**WHEREAS,** the City may receive additional funds awarded from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the support of the 2024 WPCLF program; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to accept and appropriate these additional funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the support of the 2024 WPCLF program; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to allow the City Auditor to transfer appropriations between object classes for the 2024 WPCLF program as needed upon request by the Columbus Public Health department to carry out the purpose of the grant;

**WHEREAS,** it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Board of Health to accept funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to support the 2024 WPCLF program in an effort to identify and replace or repair failing septic systems within the City of Columbus; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept a grant award of

\$75,000.00 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the 2024 WPCLF program, for the period July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

**SECTION 2.** That from the unappropriated monies in the Health Department's Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources during the grant period, the sum of \$75,000.00 and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division 5001, according to the attached accounting document.

**SECTION 3.** That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 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 4.** That 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 5.** That 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 6.** That the Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept any additional grant awards from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the support of the 2024 WPCLF program for the period July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

**SECTION 7.** That from the unappropriated monies in the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the grant period, any additional awarded funds are to be appropriated in Fund 2251 upon notification of award or executed agreement from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency according to the accounting codes provided by Columbus Public Health.

**SECTION 8.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between object classes for the 2024 WPCLF program as needed upon request by the Columbus Public Health department to carry out the purpose of the grant.

**SECTION 9.** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.