



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND :** Columbus Public Health (CPH) has been awarded a grant from the The Ohio Department of Health. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$1,812,807.00 in grant monies to fund the STI Prevention grant program, for the period February 1, 2024 through January 1, 2025. The total amount funded for this period is \$1,812,807.00.

The STI Prevention grant program enables Columbus Public Health to identify and prevent sexually transmitted diseases through gonorrhea culture screening, syphilis elimination, gonococcal isolate surveillance, and partner services. Additionally, Columbus Public Health assures the quality of medical and laboratory services, surveillance, partner services, and data management. All activities are conducted with special emphasis on populations at high risk such as correction facilities, organizations focusing on adolescents, and managed care settings.

The Ohio Department of Health has tasked CPH to improve the efficiency of the reallocation of funds as necessary in order to minimize unused funds to the greatest extent possible and to maximize the available services and avoid potential penalties as future funds may not be permitted by Ohio Department of Health. For this reason, it is necessary to authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept any additional awards for the STI Prevention grant program; to authorize the appropriation of any additional awards for the STI Prevention grant program; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer appropriations between both object classes and grant numbers for STI Prevention grant program; and to authorize the expenditure of said grant funds.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The STI Prevention grant program is entirely funded by the Ohio Department of Health and does not generate revenue or require a City match. (\$1,812,807.00)

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept grant funds from the Ohio Department of Health in the amount of \$1,812,807.00 and any additional funds for the STI Prevention grant program; to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$1,812,807.00 and any additional funds awarded from the unappropriated balance of the Health Department Grants Fund; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer appropriations between object classes and grant numbers for the STI Prevention grant program. (\$1,812,807.00)

**WHEREAS**, \$1,812,807.00 in grant funds have been made available through the Ohio Department of Health for the STI Prevention grant program for the period of February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to accept and appropriate these and any additional funds from the Ohio Department of Health for the support of the STI Prevention grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and authorized to allow the City Auditor to transfer and adjust appropriations between object classes and grant numbers for any changes in the estimated award amounts for the STI Prevention grant program as needed upon request by the Columbus Public Health Department; **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 1,812,807.00 from the Ohio Department of Health for the STI Prevention grant program for the period February 1, 2024 through January 31,

2025.

**SECTION 2.** That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, the sum of \$1,812,807.00 based on award letter is appropriated in Fund 2251 The Health Department Grants Fund per the account codes in the 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 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, 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 Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept any additional grant awards from the Ohio. Department of Health for the STI Prevention grant program for the period of February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

**SECTION 6.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between object classes and grant numbers for the STI Prevention grant program as needed upon request by the Columbus Public Health Department.

**SECTION 7.** 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 8.** That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Sections 5, 6, and, 7 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 9.** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.