



Legislation Text

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Explanation

BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health has been awarded the 2024 Alcohol, Drug And Mental Health (ADAMH) Board of Franklin County grant service contract for the Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) and Neighborhood Social Services Divisions to fund the following projects: Outpatient Treatment (General Claims); Women's Recovery/Treatment; Prevention BLOCK Grants; Grief Counseling; and Gun Violence. The funding for the projects totals \$1,854,955.81 from ADAMH and begins January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

The Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) Outpatient Treatment (General Claims) and Women's Recovery/Treatment grant programs are primarily funded through the ADAMH Board of Franklin County and the grant programs also generate the following revenues which are to be appropriated; anticipated fiscal year 2024 client fees in the amount of \$177,576.00 and Medicaid in the amount of \$222,424.00 for a total appropriation of \$2,254,955.81. These funds will enable Columbus Public Health to continue to provide treatment, counseling and prevention services to men, women, children/families, homeless population and to serve clients referred by the criminal justice system.

The Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) Prevention Program will serve clients, who may receive multiple services, through Columbus City Schools, After School/Summer programs, Latina Prevention programming, HIV/Early Intervention sites, Parenting classes, and Recreation Centers. Adults and family members will be served; children and adolescents will be served through youth programming; and transitional age youth will be served through youth mentoring, workforce development and programming. The ADS Comprehensive Treatment Program will provide treatment services to men and women through the provision of Biopsychosocial Assessments, Individual, Intensive Outpatient and Outpatient counseling. 70% of the population to be served are men and 30% will be women. The Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program will serve clients who will be prescribed Suboxone, Sublocade or Vivitrol. Additional clients needing MAT services may be served through our collaboration with a partner agency. This grant permits innovative ways to retain and support the engagement of group participants to include food incentives. A portion of the funds from this grant will be utilized to purchase food and beverages for client treatment and prevention groups throughout the year. The spending cap is \$25 per ADS staff member per group, not to exceed 12 groups per year. Any purchase of alcohol is strictly prohibited.

The Neighborhood Social Services (NSS) Gun Violence grant program will serve clients by creating a network of support for families after loss from paid peer supporters who have been through loss as well; the Grief Counseling grant program will serve clients by providing expedited access to grief counseling for families impacted by homicide.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency as to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible to avoid forfeiture of the grant funds.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Grant is fully funded by ADAMH Board of Franklin County and does not require a City match.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept the grant service contract from the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board of Franklin County in the amount of \$1,854,955.81; to authorize the appropriation of \$2,254,955.81, which includes program revenues, to the Health Department in the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$2,254,955.81)

WHEREAS, \$1,854,955.81 in grant funds have been made available through the Alcohol, Drug And Mental Health (ADAMH) Board of Franklin County for the Outpatient Treatment (General Claims); Women’s Recovery/Treatment; Prevention BLOCK Grants; Grief Counseling; and Gun Violence grant programs for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) program will generate client fees in the amount of \$177,576.00 and Medicaid fees in the amount of \$222,424.00; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept and appropriate these funds from the Alcohol, Drug And Mental Health (ADAMH) Board of Franklin County for the continued support of the Outpatient Treatment (General Claims); Women’s Recovery/Treatment; Prevention BLOCK Grants; Grief Counseling; and Gun Violence grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the City may receive additional funds awarded from the Alcohol, Drug And Mental Health (ADAMH) Board of Franklin County for the support of the Outpatient Treatment (General Claims); Women’s Recovery/Treatment; Prevention BLOCK Grants; Grief Counseling; and Gun Violence grant programs; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to allow the City Auditor to transfer appropriations between object classes for the Outpatient Treatment (General Claims); Women’s Recovery/Treatment; Prevention BLOCK Grants; Grief Counseling; and Gun Violence grant programs as needed upon request by the Columbus Public Health department.; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board of Health to accept the Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Grant from the ADAMH Board of Franklin County in order to avoid forfeiture of the grant funds, such immediate action being necessary for the immediate 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 the Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept funding of \$1,854,955.81 from the Alcohol, Drug And Mental Health (ADAMH) Board of Franklin County for the Outpatient Treatment (General Claims); Women’s Recovery/Treatment; Prevention BLOCK Grants; Grief Counseling; and Gun Violence grant programs for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

SECTION 2. The auditor’s office is authorized to adjust appropriations to match current awarded amounts per the attached template and authorized to adjust appropriations as required for future award amount changes from the grantor 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 \$2,254,955.81 upon receipt of an executed grant agreement, and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 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, 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 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 6. That the Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept any additional grant awards from the Alcohol, Drug And Mental Health (ADAMH) Board of Franklin County for the Outpatient Treatment (General Claims); Women's Recovery/Treatment; Prevention BLOCK Grants; Grief Counseling; and Gun Violence grant programs for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

SECTION 7. 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, 2024 any additional awarded funds are appropriated in Fund 2251 according to notification of award or grant agreement by the grantor.

SECTION 8. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between object classes for the Outpatient Treatment (General Claims); Women's Recovery/Treatment; Prevention BLOCK Grants; Grief Counseling; and Gun Violence grant programs as needed upon request by the Columbus Public Health department.

SECTION 9. That the expenditure of a portion of the funds to purchase food and beverages for client treatment and prevention groups throughout the year where the spending cap is \$25 per ADS staff member per group, not to exceed 12 groups per year and the purchase of alcohol is strictly prohibited constitutes a proper public purpose.

SECTION 10. 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.