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Legislation Text

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Background:

This legislation will authorize the City Attorney to accept a grant award from the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General, for the continued funding of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Domestic Violence and Pretrial Services Advocates program within the City Attorney's Office. This grant will partially fund three Domestic Violence Advocates, one Pretrial Services Advocate, office equipment, and travel costs.

This program assists witnesses and victims of misdemeanor domestic violence, stalking and related crimes through the legal process and provides counseling, referrals, and linkage with agencies and community resources. This ordinance will further authorize the appropriation of the grant funds and the transfer and appropriation of the matching funds required by the grant award.

The total grant award of \$242,242.72 is being given in two parts this year. The first part is for \$181,682.04 and the second is \$60,560.68.

Fiscal Impact:

This award requires a 20% match which is included in the City Attorney's 2017 General Fund budget.

Grant Period: 10/01/17 - 09/30/18

	Total Grant Award	Award part one	Award part two
State Share:	\$242,242.72	\$181,682.04	\$60,560.68
Matching funds:	<u>60,560.68</u>	<u>45,420.51</u>	<u>15,140.17</u>
Total Grant:	\$302,803.40	\$227,102.55	\$75,700.85

Emergency Action:

Emergency action is requested to allow the grant activities to commence at the beginning of the grant period.

To authorize the City Attorney to accept a grant from the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \$242,242.72 for the partial funding of the 17-18 VOCA Domestic Violence and Pretrial Services Advocates program; to authorize the transfer of matching funds in the amount of \$60,560.68 from the General Fund; to authorize the appropriation of total funds in the amount of \$302,803.40; and to declare an emergency. (\$302,803.40)

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General, has awarded the City of Columbus, City Attorney's Office, a grant in the amount of Two Hundred Forty-two Thousand Two Hundred Forty-two Dollars and Seventy-two Cents (\$242,242.72) for the 17-18 VOCA Domestic Violence and Pretrial Services Advocates Grant, 2018-VOCA-109853508, for the partial funding the Domestic Violence and Pretrial Services Advocates program; and

WHEREAS, the term of the grant is for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of the grant requires matching funds in the amount of Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars and Sixty-eight Cents (\$60,560.68); and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney desires to accept said grant award; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City Attorney's Office in that it is immediately necessary to accept the award, appropriate the grant funds, and transfer and appropriate the matching funds so that the services may commence, all for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO

SECTION 1. That the City Attorney is hereby authorized to accept a grant award for the 17-18 VOCA Domestic Violence and Pretrial Services Advocates Grant, 2018-VOCA-109853508, from the State of Ohio, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of Two Hundred Forty-two Thousand Two Hundred Forty-two Dollars and Seventy-two Cents (\$242,242.72) for the partial funding the Domestic Violence and Pretrial Services Advocates program.

SECTION 2. That the transfer of Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars and Sixty-eight Cents (\$60,560.68), or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized from Fund 1000 General Operating, Dept-Div 2401 City Attorney's Office to Fund 2220 General Government Grants, Dept-Div 2401 City Attorney's Office per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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 project award period the sum of Three Hundred Two Thousand Eight Hundred Three Dollars and Forty Cents (\$302,803.40) is appropriated in Fund 2220 General Government Grants, Dept-Div 2401 City Attorney's Office, Project G241801, in object class 01 Personnel, object class 02 Materials and Supplies, and object class 03 Purchased Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 5. That funds appropriated shall be paid upon order of the City Attorney 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. 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 7. That for the 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.