



Legislation Text

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Background:

This legislation will authorize an acceptance and appropriation of grant funds in connection with the Alzheimer's Respite and Senior Volunteer programs.

The Alzheimer's Respite Program provides a break for caregivers of Alzheimer's and dementia patients. In-home care and adult day care are provided through certified service providers. The program is funded through The Ohio Department of Aging. COAAA serves approximately 2,000 caregivers in eight counties. Emphasis is given to individuals with low income and minorities.

Senior Volunteer is pass through funding to selected agencies by the Ohio Department on Aging. The program consists of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Senior Companion, and the Foster Grandparent Program.

RSVP - 55 and over volunteers are linked with various organizations to provide volunteer service opportunities in their communities that match their skills and abilities.

Senior Companion - 60 and over volunteers are linked with other seniors to enrich the lives of those that have been identified as socially isolated. Volunteers are paid an hourly stipend for their volunteer work.

Foster Grandparent - 60 and over volunteers are paired with at risk youth in the Columbus community. The goal is to help children to do better in school.

Grant funds are being made available to the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging from the Ohio Department of Aging for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION:

Emergency action is being requested so that grant funds can be awarded to various agencies in a timely manner and that services to older adults can continue beyond June 30, 2021.

Fiscal Impact:

To accept and appropriate the amount of \$300,000.00 to the Recreation and Parks department for the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging. This appropriation will enable the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging to continue various programs as required by the granting agency during FY2021-2022.

To accept and authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$300,000.00 to the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund for the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging in connection with the Alzheimer's Respite and Senior Volunteer programs; and to declare an emergency. (\$300,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging has a need to accept and appropriate grant funds received from the Ohio Department of Aging related to the Alzheimer's Respite and Senior Volunteer programs; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate said funds so there is no interruption of service to older adults, thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. That from the unappropriated monies in the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund 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 ending December 31, 2021 the sum of \$300,000.00 is accepted and appropriated to the Recreation and Parks Department, Department No. 51, Fund No. 2286, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the monies in the foregoing Section 1 shall be paid upon the order of the Director of Recreation and Parks; 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 3. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this legislation.

SECTION 4. That the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging is hereby authorized and directed to accept any additional grant awards for the Alzheimer's Respite and Senior Volunteer Programs for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

SECTION 5. 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 for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten (10) days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes same.