



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Division of Police has received final project approval for FY2011 Law Enforcement State Homeland Security Grant Program funds to purchase crowd control and communications equipment and technology upgrades for the Homeland Security Section of the Columbus Division of Police. This ordinance authorizes the Mayor of the City of Columbus to accept a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Columbus and Franklin County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with the provisions of the FY2011 Law Enforcement State Homeland Security Grant Program established through the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act FY2004. This aforementioned MOU and Intergovernmental Agreement is required prior to accepting a Subgrant Award from the Department of Homeland Security Office of Domestic Preparedness and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. The Franklin County Office of Homeland Security & Justice Programs is responsible for the administration of the project under the Law Enforcement State Homeland Security Grant Program from the Federal Government through the State of Ohio.

The Subgrant Award of \$111,257.26, a copy of which is attached hereto, will pay for crowd control and communications equipment and technology upgrades to increase and improve the mobility and operational capacity of the Counter-Terrorism and Emergency Operations Center Units. Upon receipt and acceptance of the equipment, the Division of Police will forward all invoices to the County. The County will process payment directly to the vendor(s).

This agreement begins October 15, 2013 and terminates on March 31, 2014, unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is necessary in order to expeditiously acquire and purchase equipment pursuant to the subcontract Award.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Subgrant Award for the Division of Police is \$111,257.26. Invoices from vendors for equipment provided under this grant will be paid directly by the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security & Justice Programs. There are no matching funds required for this grant.

To accept the Memorandum of Understanding and Intergovernmental Agreement executed between representatives of the City of Columbus and Franklin County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with provisions of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act FY2004, prior to receiving the FY2011 Law Enforcement State Homeland Security Grant Program Subgrant Award for the Division of Police; and to declare an emergency. (\$111,257.26)

WHEREAS, the FY2011 Law Enforcement State Homeland Security Grant Program, through the Department of Homeland Security Office of Domestic Preparedness and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency via the Franklin County Board of Commissioners has awarded \$111,257.26 to the Division of Police for the purchase of crowd control and communications equipment and technology upgrades; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the City of Columbus and Franklin County Board of Commissioners have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding and Intergovernmental Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, to meet the federal requirement prior to receiving the subgrant; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security & Justice Programs will be responsible for the payment of all invoices related to this grant; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual and daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety,

in that it is immediately necessary to accept the Memorandum of Understanding and Intergovernmental Agreement for the FY 2011 Law Enforcement State Homeland Security Grant Program Subgrant Award and to expeditiously acquire and purchase equipment pursuant to the Subgrant Award in the shortest possible time for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, property, safety and welfare, now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Mayor and City Council, in the best interests of the City, hereby recognize and accept the Memorandum of Understanding and Intergovernmental Agreement for the FY 2011 Law Enforcement State Homeland Security Program Subgrant Award, a copy of which is attached hereto, executed between representatives of the City of Columbus and Franklin County.

SECTION 2. That for 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 its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.