



## Legislation Text

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### **BACKGROUND**

This ordinance authorizes the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to accept two grants in the amount of \$26,000 and \$50,000 from the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy & Programs and to appropriate the total amount of the grant from the unappropriated balance of the general government grant fund to the Probation Department of the Franklin County Municipal Court. The first grant (\$26,000) will fund services provided by Equitas Health for Intimate Partner Abuse & Batterer's Intervention Programming specifically for the LGBTQ community. The second grant (\$50,000) will fund three assessment specialists from Alvis Inc. for the provision of pre-trial intake support and risk-based assessments in the Municipal Court.

**Emergency Legislation** is requested so that the grant funds can be used by 12/31/23, and we do not have to use general fund monies to cover a break in service.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

\$76,000.00 will be expended from the General Government Grant Fund.

To authorize and direct the Administrative Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to accept two grant awards from the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security & Justice Programs; to appropriate \$76,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the general government grant fund to the Franklin County Municipal Court Department of Probation and Pretrial Services for the purpose of providing Intimate Partner Abuse & Batterer's Intervention Programming specifically for the LGBTQ community and three assessment specialists from Alvis Inc. for the provision of pre-trial intake support and risk-based assessments in the Municipal Court; and to declare an emergency. (\$76,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, it is in the city's best interest that the Franklin County Municipal Court receive support to be responsive to the unique needs and issues faced by those under its care who are part of the LBGTQ community and to provide timely pre-trial intake support and risk-based assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, grant monies from the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy & Programs, in the amount of \$26,000 are available to provide for Domestic Violence programming and \$50,000 are available to provide for intake support and assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to approve the acceptance of this grant so that the grant funds can be used by the expiration date of 12/31/23 and the municipal department does not use general fund monies to cover a break in service, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Administrative Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to accept two grants in the amount of \$76,000 from the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy & Programs.

**SECTION 2.** Funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated. That from the unappropriated balance in the general government grant fund, fund 2220, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and appropriated for any other purpose during the months ending 12/31/2023, the sum of \$76,000 is appropriated to the Franklin County Municipal Court.

**SECTION 3.** That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Administrative Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court 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 4.** At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grant 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 4.** 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 calendar year ending 12/31/2023 any additional awarded funds are appropriated in Fund 2220 according to notification of award or grant agreement by the grantor.

**SECTION 5.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble herein, which is 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 passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither vetoes nor approves the same.