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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND

Need: The City of Columbus Division of Police has been awarded funding through the FY2004 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act. The grant is providing funds for training and travel costs of forensic lab personnel related to accreditation, certification, education, and training to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science services. It is also funding additional equipment to enhance the safety for personnel performing latent fingerprint analysis. The City must act as a subgrantee to the State of Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services according to the federal grant guidelines. Therefore, the Mayor is required to sign a subgrantee award to accept on behalf of the City. The official City program contact authorized to act in connection with this grant is Crime Lab Manager, Jami St. Clair.

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is needed to make the funds available as soon as possible because of the need to meet registration deadlines for upcoming training opportunities.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact for the General Fund Account. All funds appropriated are reimbursable from the grant award.

To authorize and direct the Mayor of the City of Columbus to accept a subgrantee award through the FY2004 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act via the State of Ohio, Office of Criminal Justice Services, to authorize Jami St. Clair as the official representative to act in connection with the subgrant, to authorize an appropriation of \$20,436.00 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund to the Division of Police to cover the costs of the FY04 Coverdell subgrant project and to declare an emergency (\$20,436.00).

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus Division of Police has been awarded funding through the FY04 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act for the training of forensic lab personnel and the purchase specialized lab equipment; and

WHEREAS, advancing technology has created a need for up-to-date training and additional specialized equipment and City funds for these purposes are limited; and

WHEREAS, Jami St. Clair has been identified as the official representative to act in connection with the FY2004 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Subgrant and to provide information as required, and

WHEREAS, the grant funds need to be available as soon as possible to meet registration deadlines for upcoming training opportunities; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Mayor to accept a FY04 Paul Coverdell Subgrant for the Division of Police Crime Lab and to authorize an appropriation for the specialized training and equipment for the forensic lab personnel to meet registration deadlines 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:

Section 1. That the Mayor of the City of Columbus be and is hereby authorized and directed to accept a FY04 Paul Coverdell Subgrant for specialized training and equipment for the Columbus Police Crime Lab.

Section 2. That Jami St. Clair is designated as the official program contact and authorized to act in connection with the FY04 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act grant program and to provide any additional information required.

Section 3. That from the unappropriated monies in the General Government Grant Fund and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purposes during the subgrant award period the sum of \$20,436.00 is appropriated as follows:

DIV	FD	OBJ #1	OBJ #3	OCACD	GRANT	AMOUNT
30-03	220	03	3330	335017	335017	\$5,900.00
30-03	220	03	3331	335017	335017	4,200.00
30-03	220	06	6697	335017	335017	10,336.00

Section 4. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 3 shall be paid upon order of the Director of Public Safety; 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 5. 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.