



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City of Columbus has been awarded a Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs via the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs. The JAG program provides funding to allow states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. The FY22 JAG award will provide funds for the Columbus Division of Police, drug identification section of the crime lab, to purchase additional equipment. Items being purchased include gas chromatograph mass spectrometer systems and infrared attenuated total reflectance systems that are employed daily to meet case demands. The City will act as subgrantee to the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs. Therefore, the Mayor is required to sign a subgrantee award on behalf of the City.

FISCAL IMPACT: All appropriated funds spent will be reimbursed by the grant award.

To authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbus to accept a subgrantee award through the FY22 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program from the Bureau of Justice Assistance via the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs to purchase equipment for the Crime Lab; to authorize an appropriation of \$106,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund to the Division of Police to cover the costs associated with the FY22 Justice Assistance Grant. (\$106,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Division of Police, was awarded funding through the FY22 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to fund equipment for forensic crime lab; and,

WHEREAS, advancing technology and new Crime Lab employees have created a need for additional forensic science equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the grant award period begins on January 1, 2023 and ends June 30, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept and appropriate the FY22 Justice Assistance Grant award in order to make funds available for the grant award period, thereby preserving 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 of the City of Columbus be and is hereby authorized to accept a FY22 Justice Assistance Grant.

SECTION 2. 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 Period, the sum of \$106,000.00 is appropriated in Fund 2220 General Government Grants in Object Classes 06 per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the monies in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Mayor; 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. 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 5. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated.

SECTION 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.