



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City of Columbus has received a grant from FEMA for reimbursement of snow removal costs incurred in association with the record snowfall that began on March 7, 2008. It is necessary to accept the grant award and appropriate funds.

FISCAL IMPACT: This grant will reimburse the city 75 percent of eligible costs associated with snow removal costs associated with the snow event. The amount of the grant is \$276,081.20. There is no state match associated with this grant. Funds will be deposited to a grant project set up for this purpose. Funds will then be transferred out of the grant fund into the funds from which the original expenses were incurred, as supported by documentation complied by the Department of Finance and Management and reported to FEMA.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency so as to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the city's accounting system as soon as possible. Up to date financial processing promotes accurate accounting and financial management.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to accept a grant award from FEMA for the reimbursement of snow removal costs associated with the record snowfall that began on March 7, 2008, to appropriate \$276,081.20 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency (\$276,081.20).

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has received a grant award from FEMA to reimburse the city 75 percent of the snow removal costs incurred by the City as the result of a record snowfall that began on March 7, 2008; and

WHEREAS, this is a 75% reimbursement grant, with no state match; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of government of the City of Columbus that it is immediately necessary to accept and appropriate a grant from FEMA 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 the Director of the Department of Finance and Management is hereby authorized and directed to accept a grant award in the amount of \$276,081.20 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Section 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the General Government Grant Fund, Fund No. 220, and from any and all sources estimated to come into said fund and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008, the sum of \$276,081.20 is appropriated to the Department of Finance and Management as follows: Division: 45-01, Fund: 220, Object Level 10: 5501, OCA: 458085, Amount: \$276,081.20.

Section 3. That for the 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.