



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City of Columbus has been awarded a Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs via the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security and Justice 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 FY13 JAG award, under the purpose area of technology improvements, is for the purchase of a 3D laser scanner system for the Division of Police. The laser scanning system will enable police personnel to document various law enforcement crime scenes in a more efficient and effective manner. The scanner also has applications in crash scene documentation, post blast investigations, and protection planning. The laser system 3D rendering of the scene can be “virtually revisited” after the scene has been cleared for additional analysis and measurements that are not possible with the current manual reconstruction process. The City must act as subgrantee to the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs. Therefore, the Mayor is required to sign a subgrantee award on behalf of the City. The official City program contact authorized to act in connection with this grant is Police Commander Kelly Weiner.

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is necessary to make the funds available for the start of the grant award period which is January 1, 2014.

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

To authorize and direct the Mayor of the City of Columbus to accept a subgrantee award through the FY13 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program from the Bureau of Justice Assistance via the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs; to authorize Police Commander Kelly Weiner as the official City representative to act in connection with this subgrant award; to authorize an appropriation of \$200,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund to the Division of Police to cover the costs associated with the 3D Laser Scanner Project; and to declare an emergency. (\$200,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Division of Police, was awarded funding through the FY13 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the purchase of a 3D laser scanning system; and

WHEREAS, Police Commander Kelly Weiner has been identified as the official City program contact authorized to act in connection with the FY13 JAG subgrant; and

WHEREAS, emergency legislation is needed to make the funds available for the start of the grant award period which is January 1, 2014; 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 and appropriate the FY13 Justice Assistance Grant award for the Columbus Division of Police 3D Scanner Project 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 of the City of Columbus be and is hereby authorized and directed to accept a FY13 Justice

Assistance Grant for the purchase of a 3D laser scanner system.

SECTION 2. That Police Commader Kelly Weiner is designated as the official City program contact to act in connection with the 3D Laser Scanner Project and to provide information as 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 purpose during the project period the sum of \$200,000.00 is appropriated as follows:

DIV	Fund	OBJ LV 1	OBJ LV 3	OCA	GRANT
30-30	220	06	6643	331400	331400

This appropriation is effective upon receipt of the fully executed agreement.

SECTION 4. That the monies in the foregoing Section 3 shall be paid upon the 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. 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 6. Funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated.

SECTION 7. 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.