



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes an agreement with the Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO), State of Ohio, for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - FFY15 and to appropriate funds to cover the costs of the program. The OTSO works to reduce high traffic related crashes to save lives and reduce injuries and economic loss. This program will target reducing fatal crashes through enforcement activity by uniformed officers for non-impaired driver violations. Examples include speed and restraint violation, driver license violations and distracted driving within the interstate system in the City of Columbus and major arterial streets during specific holiday and national mobilization periods. The agreement authorizes reimbursement for the overtime costs of sworn personnel working on the program. The funding for the agreement is dependent on federal funds from the US Department of Transportation for Federal Fiscal Year 2015 and follows the fiscal year period, October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency legislation is necessary to make funds available for the grant funded activity period that starts October 1, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the appropriation of \$40,297.74 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund for the Division of Police to cover the costs associated with the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - FFY15. All funds appropriated are reimbursable from the State of Ohio.

To authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Traffic Safety Office, State of Ohio, to participate in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - FFY15; to authorize an appropriation of \$40,297.74 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund to the Division of Police to cover the costs associated with this program; and to declare an emergency. (\$40,297.74).

WHEREAS, the Division of Police will work overtime on a program to target reducing fatal crashes by enforcement activity by uniformed officers for non-impaired driver violations. Examples include speed and restraint violations, driver license violations and distracted driving within the interstate system of the City of Columbus and major arterial streets during specific holiday and national mobilization periods; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO), State of Ohio, will provide funds through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - FFY15 to the City of Columbus, Division of Police; and

WHEREAS, an appropriation is needed to cover the costs associated with the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - FFY15; and

WHEREAS, the project period is October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 and appropriation authority needs to be available as soon as possible for the specified holiday periods in 2014; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into the aforementioned agreement for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - FFY15 and to appropriate \$40,297.74 for the project costs, 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 Public Safety is hereby authorized and directed to enter into agreement with the Ohio Traffic Safety Office, State of Ohio, to accept an award in the amount of \$40,297.74 which represents funding for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program - FFY15.

SECTION 2. 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 \$40,297.74 is appropriated effective upon receipt of the executed grant agreement as follows:

Div	Fund	Objlvl 1	Objlvl 3	OCACD	Grant	Amount
30-03	220	01	1127	331407	331407	\$ 1,106.65
30-03	220	01	1131	331407	331407	\$ 31,618.47
30-03	220	01	1161	331407	331407	\$ 6,165.60
30-03	220	01	1171	331407	331407	\$ 458.47
30-03	220	01	1173	331407	331407	\$ 948.55
TOTAL						\$40,297.74

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

SECTION 3. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 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 4. 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 it originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 5. Funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated in an amount not to exceed the available cash balance in the fund.

SECTION 6. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, 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.