



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Administrative Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to accept a grant in the amount of \$143,123.53 from the State of Ohio, Crime Victim Assistance Office, and to appropriate from the unappropriated balance of the general government grant fund to the Probation Department of the Franklin County Municipal Court, the total amount of the grant. This grant will fund a portion of the salaries and fringe benefits of two (2) victim assistant staff for the continuation of a program to assist probation officers primarily in the domestic violence unit. The grant will also pay for supplies, training, and bus passes. The staff acts as liaisons to the City Prosecutor and works with the victims of crime when a defendant has been placed on probation.

FISCAL IMPACT

No general fund resources are needed.

EMERGENCY LEGISLATION is requested so that the Court can begin expending the funds as soon as possible. The grant start date was 10/1/16 but was just awarded.

To authorize and direct the Administrative Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to accept a grant award from the State of Ohio, Crime Victims Assistance Office; to appropriate \$143,123.53 from the unappropriated balance of the general government grant fund to the Franklin County Municipal Court; and to declare an emergency. (\$143,123.53)

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus to provide victim services in the Franklin County Municipal Court, Department of Probation Services; and

WHEREAS, a grant from the State of Ohio, Crime Victims Assistance Office in the amount of \$143,123.53 has been awarded to provide a portion of the costs; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the city, in that it is immediately necessary to accept the aforementioned grant to continue probationary services in the area of victim assistance and to appropriate and transfer the necessary funds for the program thereby preserving 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 Administrative Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to accept a grant in the amount of \$143,123.53 from the State of Ohio, Crime Victims Assistance Office.

SECTION 2. Funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated. That from the unappropriated balance in the general government grant fund, fund 2220, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and appropriated for any other purpose during the months ending September 30, 2017, the sum of \$143,123.53 is appropriated to the Franklin County Municipal Court, department number 2501 as noted in attachment Voca Grant.

SECTION 3. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Administrative Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court 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 grant 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 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.