



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the appropriation and transfer of funds from the Department of Public Utilities, 2017 Director's Office operating fund budget, to the general government grant fund to continue the city's Environmental Stewardship program. The amount of the transfer is \$257,277.42. This amount represents the city's 2017 portion of the 2016-2017 agreement with SWACO. Per ordinance 3102-2015, passed by City Council on 12/14/2015, SWACO's 2016 and 2017 portion of this agreement was appropriated. This ordinance appropriates the City's 2017 portion and transfers the funding to the general government grant fund for proper expenditure.

SWACO has provided support for the Environmental Stewardship program (also known as the "Get Green" initiative) since 2006. The city and SWACO entered into a grant agreement in 2012 pursuant to ordinance number 0099-2012 to provide funding for the Environmental Stewardship program in 2012 and 2013. The city and SWACO again entered into an agreement in 2014 via ordinance number 0447-2014, which along with 0459-2015, provided funding for 2014 and 2015. This ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of funds for 2017 in accordance with the grant agreement covering 2016 and 2017.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

This legislation is being put forth as emergency so as to make funds available as soon as possible in support of the city's Environmental Stewardship program.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds were budgeted in the Department of Public Utilities Director's Office operating budget, specifically for the purpose of fulfilling the city's 2017 obligation of its 2016-2017 agreement with SWACO for the Environmental Stewardship program. A transfer of these funds to the general government grant fund, in addition to an appropriation of said funds, is now necessary. **This ordinance is contingent on the passage of the 2017 operating budget, which is Ordinance 2863-2016.**

To authorize the transfer of the 2017 Department of Public Utilities' contribution to the General Government Grant Fund for the continuation of the 2016-2017 grant agreement with SWACO for the city's Environmental Stewardship program in the amount of \$15,693.92 from the Power Operating Fund, \$99,823.64 from the Water Operating Fund, \$111,915.68 from the Sanitary Operating Fund, and \$29,844.18 from the Stormwater Operating Fund; to appropriate the sum of the aforementioned amounts, which total \$257,277.42, to the General Government Grant Fund; and to transfer the grant administration and management from the Mayor's Office to the Department of Public Utilities, and to declare an emergency. (\$257,277.42)

WHEREAS, SWACO has provided support for the city's Environmental Stewardship program (also known as the "Get Green" initiative) since 2006; and

WHEREAS, the city and SWACO entered into a grant agreement ("Grant Agreement") in 2012 pursuant to ordinance number 0099-2012 to provide funding for the city's Environmental Stewardship program for 2012 and 2013; and

WHEREAS, the city and SWACO modified the 2012-2013 agreement in 2014 pursuant to ordinance number 0447-2014 to provide for a continuation of this program in 2014 and 2015;

WHEREAS, SWACO has agreed to continue to provide support in the way of grant funding for the city's Environmental

Stewardship Program for 2016 and 2017 pursuant to ordinance number 3102-2015 and ordinance number 0745-2016; and

WHEREAS, the city's contribution and grant administration has previously been from the Mayor's Office; and

WHEREAS, the city has budgeted contributing funds in the Department of Public Utilities Director's Office 2017 budget and will administer the grant; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance transfers the Department of Public Utilities' grant contribution, totaling \$257,277.42 from the Department's Director's Office budget to the general government grant fund; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance then appropriates the sum of these amounts, which total \$257,277.42 to the general government grant fund for use; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the continuation of the Environmental Stewardship program and to transfer and appropriate funds in association with this continuation for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the transfer of \$257,277.42 or so much therefore as may be needed, is hereby authorized between the Water Operating Fund (Fund 6000), the Sanitary Operating Fund (Fund 6100), the Stormwater Operating Fund (Fund 6200) and the Power Operating Fund (Fund 6300); and the Government Grants Fund (Fund 2220), per the account codes in the attachment to this Ordinance:

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SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated moneys in the General Government Grant Fund and from all moneys estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the grant award period, the sum \$257,277.42 is hereby appropriated in Fund 2220 in Object Classes 01 (Personnel), 02 (Materials and Supplies), and 03 (Purchased Services) per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance:

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SECTION 3. That the funds appropriated shall be paid upon order of the Department of Public Utilities 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 the administration and management of the grant(s) will transfer from the Mayor's Office to the Department of Public Utilities.

SECTION 5. That the Department of Public Utilities is authorized to pay any outstanding encumbrances and contract obligations formerly held by the Mayor's Office on the environmental stewardship program grants (specifically, G401401 and G401600).

SECTION 6. That the current grant(s) appropriation and grant balances stated in Section 5 and associated with the environmental stewardship program be transferred from the Mayor's Office to the Department of Public Utilities.

SECTION 7. That at the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused city contributed moneys may be transferred back to the city fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 8. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 9. That the City Auditor is authorized to establish proper accounting numbers as appropriate.

SECTION 10. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. 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.