



Legislation Text

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Background: The Department of Finance and Management, Real Estate Management Office, leases six (6) locations on behalf of the Columbus Public Health, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program. The funding for payment of rent for the six WIC clinic leases is provided through grant funds received from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). The WIC program provides nutritionally desirable food and nutrition education to pregnant and lactating women, infants, and children at nutritional risk in Franklin County, who meet categorical, income and nutritional risk requirements for eligibility. Columbus Public Health has received the ODH grant for the WIC program for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. Ordinance 2462-2017 will accept the ODH grant and appropriate the funds for the WIC program in the Health Department Grants Fund.

This ordinance authorizes the expenditure of \$208,456.80 from the Health Department Grant Fund for payment of rent for six (6) existing leases previously approved by City Council, containing automatic renewal provisions that are subject to the appropriation of rental funds by City Council, and certification of funds availability by the City Auditor, and declares an emergency. The WIC program budget provides \$208,456.80 for the six (6) clinic locations leases used as clinic space for the delivery of services under the WIC program. The rent payments for the leases will be made to: SAMA Management Group for 77-83 Outerbelt Street; Holt Rd LLC for 1681 Holt Road; Jacinto W. Beard and Karen L. Beard for 4337 Cleveland Avenue; PLM Columbus for 3933 Livingston Avenue; Beaumont 4522, LLC for 4550 Indianola; and St. Stephens for 1500 Seventeenth Avenue.

Emergency Action is requested in order to avoid any delays in making timely rent payments to the landlords in accordance with the terms of the lease agreements.

Fiscal Impact: The lease payments are entirely funded by the WIC grant funds. This grant does not generate revenue or require a City match. This ordinance is contingent on the passage of Ordinance 2462-2017.

To authorize a total expenditure of \$208,456.80 from the Health Department Grant Funds for payment of six leases for the WIC Program; and to declare an emergency. (\$208,456.80)

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance and Management, through its Real Estate Management Office, leases six (6) offices spaces on behalf of Columbus Public Health; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Public Health, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program budgeted \$208,456.80 for six (6) leases for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expend funds for the payment of existing leases for WIC Clinic locations in order to provide services for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for six (6) lease agreements in order to allow the WIC clinic to continue offering program services to the community without interruption for the immediate preservation of the health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the expenditure of \$208,456.80 for lease payments for six (6) WIC clinics is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grant Funds per the attachment to this ordinance and is contingent on the passage of Ordinance 2462-2017.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that these leases are properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the City's financial records.

SECTION 3. 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 4. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten (10) days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.