



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City of Columbus has been awarded the Law Enforcement Diversion Program Grant Award from the State of Ohio Attorney General's Office for the 2017 fiscal year. This program provides funding to support increased treatment, new tools for law enforcement, and expanding prevention to combat the opioid epidemic. The Columbus Division of Police (CPD) seeks to address the opioid epidemic in Ohio by providing necessary assistance and/or referrals to treatment options, recovery support, counseling, and mental health treatment services. The FY17 Law Enforcement Diversion Program Grant Award will provide funds for the CPD to develop a more formalized method and approach for the enforcement of drug offenses in partnership with the Columbus Division of Fire's (CFD) Rapid Response Emergency Addiction Crisis Team (RREACT). The project's broad goal is to reduce the number of narcotics-associated police calls for service within the City of Columbus areas experiencing the highest rate of overdose calls, from data collected by CPD and CFD. This project involves partnering a CPD Crisis Intervention Trained (CIT) law enforcement officer with a CFD RREACT team to assist with follow up on overdose individuals identified by the CFD RREACT team. The project objectives are to get said individuals into treatment at target rate of 60% and to gather necessary intelligence for pre-emptive narcotics enforcement and future overdose prevention. Therefore, the Public Safety Director is required to sign a grant award on behalf of the City.

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is necessary to make the funds available as soon as possible for the grant award, effective as of October 1, 2017.

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

The grant appropriation will be activated upon receipt of a fully-executed agreement.

To authorize and direct the Public Safety Director of the City of Columbus to accept a grant award through the FY17 Law Enforcement Diversion Program from the Ohio Attorney General's Office; to authorize an appropriation of \$109,375.00 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund to the Division of Police to cover the costs associated with the FY17 Law Enforcement Diversion Program; and to declare an emergency. (\$109,375.00)

WHEREAS, the Columbus Division of Police seeks to address the opioid epidemic in Ohio by providing necessary assistance and/or referrals to treatment options, recovery support, counseling, and mental health treatment services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Division of Police, was awarded funding through the FY17 Law Enforcement Diversion Program from the Ohio Attorney General's Office; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to accept and appropriate the FY17 Law Enforcement Diversion Program Grant award in order to make funds available for the grant award period, thereby preserving 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 Safety Director of the City of Columbus be and is hereby authorized and directed to accept a FY17 Law Enforcement Diversion Program Grant award from the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies 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 \$109,375.00, is appropriated in Fund 2220 General Government Grants in Object Class 01 Personnel per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance. This appropriation is effective upon receipt of the fully executed agreement.

SECTION 3. That the monies in the foregoing Section 2 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 4. That, 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 5. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated.

SECTION 6. 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.