



Legislation Text

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Background:

This legislation will authorize the City Attorney to accept the 2018 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Law Enforcement Anti-Stalking Advocate Grant from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, Office of Justice Policy and Programs. This ordinance will further authorize the transfer of the required matching funds and the appropriation of funds.

This grant partially funds the salary and training costs of one Anti-Stalking Advocate for the Domestic Violence and Stalking Unit of the City Attorney's Office. This individual works closely with the Columbus Division of Police and assists witnesses and victims of stalking through the legal process as well as providing counseling, referrals, and linkage with agencies and community resources.

Fiscal Impact:

The required matching funds of \$15,302.16 are included in the City Attorney's 2018 General Fund Budget.

Project period: 01/01/18 - 12/31/18

Federal Share: \$45,906.47

Matching funds: \$15,302.16

Total Grant Award: \$61,208.63

Emergency Designation:

Emergency action is requested to allow the grant activities to commence at the beginning of the grant period.

To authorize the City Attorney to accept a grant from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, Office of Justice Policy and Programs, in the amount of \$45,906.47 for the funding of the 2018 VAWA Law Enforcement Anti-Stalking Advocate program; to authorize the transfer of matching funds in the amount of \$15,302.16 from the General Fund; to authorize the appropriation of total funds in the amount of \$61,208.63; and to declare an emergency. (\$61,208.63)

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, Office of Justice Policy and Programs, has awarded the City of Columbus, City Attorney's Office, a grant in the amount of \$45,906.47 for the 2018 VAWA Law Enforcement Anti-Stalking Advocate Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of the grant requires matching funds in the amount of \$15,302.16; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney desires to accept said grant award; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the city in that it is immediately necessary to accept and appropriate the grant award and to transfer and appropriate the matching funds in order that the services supported may commence at the beginning of the grant period and for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and, now therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the City Attorney is hereby authorized to accept a grant award in the amount \$45,906.47 from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, Office of Justice Policy and Programs, for the 2018 VAWA Law Enforcement Anti-Stalking Advocate Grant program, grant #17-WF-VA2-4600.

SECTION 2. That the transfer of \$15,302.16, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized between Fund 1000-100010 General Operating and Fund 2220 General Government Grants per the account codes to be determined by the Auditor and in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That from the unappropriated monies in the general Government Grant Fund 2220 and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the grant period, the sum of \$61,208.63 is appropriated upon receipt of an executed grant agreement in Fund 2220, Division 2401, in Object Class 01 Personnel and Object Class 03 Services, Grant Number G241802, and per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 5. That funds appropriated shall be paid upon order of the City Attorney 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 6. 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 7. 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.