



Legislation Text

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The Office of the Mayor, CelebrateOne has been awarded a grant from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$990,970.00 in grant monies to fund the Healthy Beginnings at Home Housing Stabilization Program for Pregnant Women for the period March 15, 2018 through January 31, 2021.

CelebrateOne will provide rental subsidies and housing stabilization services to Medicaid-eligible pregnant women experiencing housing instability and medical needs. CelebrateOne and its research partners - Nationwide Children's Hospital and Children's HealthWatch will evaluate whether this approach, when compared to usual care, will result in improved birth outcomes, reduced risk for infant mortality and better health outcomes for women and their infants in Franklin County.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency as to not delay program services and to allow the financial transactions to be posted to the City's accounting system as soon as possible.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Healthy Beginnings at Home Project is funded by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. This program does not generate any revenue or require a City match.

To authorize the Office of the Mayor, CelebrateOne to accept a grant from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency in the amount of \$990,970.00; to authorize the appropriation of \$990,970.00 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grants Fund No. 2220; and to declare an emergency. (\$990,970.00)

WHEREAS, \$990,970.00 in grant funds have been made available through the Ohio Housing Finance Agency for Healthy Beginnings at Home for the period of March 15, 2018 through January 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept and appropriate these funds from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds will be utilized to provide rental subsidies and housing stabilization services to Medicaid-eligible pregnant women experiencing housing instability and medical needs; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is being submitted as an emergency measure so that timely services can begin and to allow the financial transactions to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible given the start date of March 15, 2018 ; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Office of the Mayor in that it is immediately necessary to accept these grant funds from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency for the immediate preservation of 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 Office of the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept a grant award totaling \$990,970.00 from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency for the Healthy Beginnings at Home Housing Stabilization Program for Pregnant Women for the period of March 15, 2018 through January 31, 2021.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the General Government Grants Fund No. 2220, and from all

monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources during the grant period, the sum of \$990,970.00 is hereby appropriated to the Office of the Mayor, department 40-01, according to the attached accounting document.

SECTION 3. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon order of the Office of the Mayor and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except upon 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 grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies, if applicable, may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originate in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 5. 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 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.