



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The 2018 Consolidated Plan Action Plan Budget and the annual filing of the plan application with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development was authorized by Ord. No. 2589-2017. Columbus Public Health has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in the amount of \$1,109,448.00. Ordinance No. 0121-2018 authorized the appropriation of \$402,073.60 in grant money. This ordinance is needed to appropriate an additional \$707,374.40 in grant monies to fund the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant program.

The HOPWA program provides for the implementation of long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of low income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Eligible activities include providing housing information services; resource identification; acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion, lease, and repair of facilities to provide housing and services; new construction of housing units; project or tenant-based rental assistance; short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments; supportive services; technical assistance and administrative support.

This grant is for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Emergency action is requested to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the city's accounting system as soon as possible. Up to date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management.

FISCAL IMPACT: This program is entirely funded by HUD and does not generate revenue or require a city match.

To authorize the appropriation of \$707,374.40 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grants Fund to the Health Department for the 2018 HOPWA Program, and to declare an emergency. (\$707,374.40)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has received funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the implementation of comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of persons with HIV/AIDS under the HOPWA program; and,

WHEREAS, this ordinance is submitted as an emergency so as to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible. Up to date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate these funds for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to avoid any delays in providing program services; Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That from the monies in the fund known as the General Government Grants Fund, Fund No. 2220, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the 12 months ending December 31, 2018, the sum of \$707,374.40 is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Department No. 50, Division No. 5001, per the attached accounting codes.

SECTION 2. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 1 shall be paid upon the order of the Health Commissioner, 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 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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.