



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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### **BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this ordinance is to appropriate \$75,000.00 in the Public Safety Initiatives Fund for Columbus Public Health to expand Care (Community, Action, Resilience and Empowerment) Coalition for membership and staff capacity by hiring a Social Worker. The mission of the Coalition is defined by its members to engage, support, and educate both the Columbus residents who experience trauma, as well as the community organizations who serve those residents, including mental health providers, community organizations and city government. The Coalition work is action-oriented, and includes systematically increasing education among Columbus residents and community service providers about psychological trauma and trauma-informed care approaches, building an infrastructure for rapid response to traumatic events that affect a whole community, and directly engaging with residents from neighborhoods experiencing trauma and inequity through a trauma-informed perspective in order to increase resiliency in individuals, families and Columbus communities. The expanded Social Work position would provide "warm-hand-offs" and social consults to referrals from APPS programs. This would assist in providing vulnerable residents wrap around services to address needs related to housing, food insecurity and other social needs. Expanded staff capacity would assist in developing expedited referral processes with social service providers as well as increase awareness of trauma/resilience and factors that contribute to both.

**EMERGENCY DESIGNATION:** Emergency action is requested to ensure that a Social Worker is hired by Columbus Public Health to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Columbus.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Total appropriation is \$75,000.00 and is available in the 2018 budget within the Public Safety Initiatives, Fund 1000-100016.

To appropriate \$75,000.00 within the Public Safety Initiatives Fund for Columbus Public Health to hire a Social Worker to expand the Care Coalition membership and staff capacity; and to declare an emergency. (\$75,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, Columbus Public Health is part of a community-wide effort to increase resiliency in individuals, families and communities who experience trauma; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Health has a need to hire a Social Worker to expand this effort; and,

**WHEREAS**, \$75,000.00 is available in the Public Safety Initiatives Fund for appropriation to provide for this need; and,

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health, in that it is immediately necessary to hire a Social Worker to expand the Care Coalition efforts 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 \$75,000.00 is hereby appropriated within Fund 1000-100016 Public Safety Initiatives Fund per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 2:** 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 3:** That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.