



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City of Columbus received three U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program (COAP) awards totaling \$2,697,853. This ordinance will accept and appropriate \$2,697,853 in award funds. COAP funding will enhance and expand critical prevention, intervention and data driven action designed to promote successful implementation of the Franklin County Opiate Action Plan for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021.

Under this initiative, Bureau of Justice Assistance awarded \$2,697,853 to the City of Columbus to support coordinated and data driven implementation of activities outlined in the Franklin County Opiate Action Plan. Funding will expand trauma and resource coordination supports available to children and other family members impacted by overdose and enhance treatment and recovery supports available to justice involved individuals who start Medication Assistance Treatment under jail supervision. Funding will drive development of an integrated public safety and public health data tool for Franklin County, Ohio. Data will inform 1) prevention campaigns; 2) overdose-surge response activities and 3) strategic policing tactics. Data will also be used to track impact of Franklin County Opiate Action Plan activities on overdose rates. Award funds will also cover costs to work with an external consultant to evaluate the collective impact of COAP projects on repeat overdose, recidivism, and connection to treatment.

\$768,105 will support the Columbus Division of Fire Rapid Response Emergency Addiction and Crisis Team (RREACT). Funds will support the addition of a project manager, a substance use case manager, a trauma specialist, and a kinship resource coordinator to RREACT. The substance use case manager will be hired through Columbus Recreation and Parks COAAA office. \$794,602 will support the Franklin County Municipal Court Medication Assistance Treatment (MAT) program. MAT funds will support the addition of a project manager and a treatment and recovery specialist to ensure justice involved individuals are seamlessly linked with treatment supports upon release from jail. Funds will also cover overtime costs for Franklin County jail staff to support MAT procedures behind the wall. \$949,146 will go to Columbus Public Health to hire a project manager and epidemiologist to lead the public safety and public health data integration project and create an interactive opioid data tool for Franklin County, Ohio. \$186,000 will be used to work with an external contractor to do a comprehensive project evaluation of all three funded initiatives. Project evaluation will be managed by the Columbus City Attorney's Office.

EMERGENCY ACTION: 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: This ordinance authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of \$2,697,853 in U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance award monies to fund Franklin County Opiate Action Plan activities. This initiative does not generate any revenue nor require a City match.

Award Period: 10/01/18 - 09/30/21

Federal Award:

- § 2018-MU-MU-K070 First Responder - \$799,105
- § 2018-AR-BX-K029: MAT in Jail - \$899,602
- § 2018-AR-BX-K015: Data Integration - \$999,146

Total Award: **\$2,697,853**, no City match required

To authorize the Mayor to accept U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program funding totaling \$2,697,853.00; to appropriate award funds to Columbus City Attorney, Columbus Public Health, Columbus Division of Fire, Columbus Recreation and Parks and Franklin County Municipal Court to support Opiate Action Plan implementation and evaluation; to authorize the appropriation of \$2,697,853.00 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grants Fund 2220; and to declare an emergency. (\$2,697,853.00)

WHEREAS, the federal U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance has awarded the City of Columbus \$2,697,853 in Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program (CAOP) funds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept and appropriate these funds from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance to support successful implementation of the Franklin County Opiate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to accept said project award; and

WHEREAS, the term of the award is for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the named City departments, therefore it is necessary to immediately accept the award and appropriate award funds so services may commence and financial transactions can be posted in the City's accounting system given the project start date of October 1, 2018.

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

SECTION 1. That the Office of the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept COAP award money totaling \$2,697,853 from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance to support Franklin County Opiate Action Plan activities for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 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 \$2,697,853 is hereby appropriated to the Columbus City Attorney, Department 24, Columbus Division of Fire, Department 30, Columbus Recreation and Parks, Department 51, Franklin County Municipal Court, Department 25, and Columbus Public Health, Department 50, according to the attached accounting document.

SECTION 3. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon order of the city/county departments named above 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. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 5. 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, if applicable, may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originate in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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.