



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City of Columbus has been awarded a Federal Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program Award in the amount of \$31,405.50 from the State of Ohio Office of the Attorney General Dave Yost and the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. Law enforcement agencies that pay BWC premiums are able to receive the funding and are eligible to receive up to \$40,000 per agency, with a 25% match from local funding, to buy protective vests for their officers. Sixty sets of rapid deployment armor (RDA) will be purchased to fully outfit patrol zone officers with the extra ballistic protection necessary for gun runs. The Columbus Division of Police is required to match 25% of the total \$41,874.00 cost, which is \$10,468.50. RDA consists of two ballistic plates, a carrier, and front and back COLUMBUS POLICE placards. The State of Ohio has recently granted an additional \$1 million to fund and extend this program, which originally had an end date of June 30th, 2019. The Columbus Division of Police has been authorized to make these purchases prior to the end of 2019, beyond the original grant end date.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency legislation is necessary to make the funds available as soon as possible for the grant award start date of June 14, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$31,405.50 of appropriated funds will be reimbursed by the grant award. \$10,468.50 will be appropriated within the State Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Fund and transferred to the General Government Grant fund to meet the 25% grant match requirement.

To authorize and direct the Mayor of the City of Columbus to accept a grant award through the 2018-2019 Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program Award in the amount of \$31,405.50 from the State of Ohio Office of the Attorney General Dave Yost and the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation; to authorize an appropriation of \$41,874.00 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund; to authorize an appropriation of \$10,468.50 from the unappropriated balance of the State Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Fund; to authorize a transfer between funds; and to declare an emergency. (\$41,874.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Department of Public Safety, Division of Police was awarded funding through the 2018-2019 Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program funding from the State of Ohio Office of the Attorney General Dave Yost and the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation; and,

WHEREAS, an appropriation of \$10,468.50 from the unappropriated balance of the State Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Fund is needed and will be transferred to the General Government Grant Fund in order to meet the 25% grant match requirement; and,

WHEREAS, an appropriation of \$41,874.00 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund is needed; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety in that it is immediately necessary to accept and appropriate funds related to the 2018-2019 Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program Award in order to make funds available for the June 14th, 2019 grant award authorized through an extension of the original June 30th, 2019 grant program deadline, thereby preserving the public peace, health, property, safety, and welfare; **now, therefore:**

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

SECTION 1. That the Mayor of the City of Columbus be and is hereby authorized and directed to accept a 2018-2019 Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program Award.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, the sum of \$10,468.50 is appropriated in Fund 2219 Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Fund in Object Class 10, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the transfer of \$10,468.50 is hereby authorized between the Law Enforcement Contraband Seizure Fund and the General Government Grant Fund, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the project period, the sum of \$41,874.00 is appropriated in Fund 2220 General Government Grants. This appropriation is effective upon receipt of the fully executed agreement.

SECTION 5. That the monies in the foregoing Sections shall be paid upon order of the Director of Public Safety, 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 the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated.

SECTION 8. 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.