



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** Columbus Public Health has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$250,000.00 in grant monies to fund the Pool Safely grant program for the period of September 28, 2019 through September 27, 2021.

The Pool Safely grant award is to be used by the department to implement and enforce standards of state and local regulations that impact residential and commercial pool construction and maintenance. The grant award will also allow for safe swimming education campaigns and opportunities to provide swimming lessons to children. By increasing enforcement of pool and spa regulations and providing the public with education, the community will be better served by CPH with an enhancement of pool safety measures that are in place to prevent injury and death.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency to not delay services to clients and their families and to allow the financial transactions to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible given the grant start date of September 28, 2019.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Pool Safely grant program is entirely funded by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. This program does not generate any revenue or require a City match.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept a grant from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission for the Pool Safely grant program in the amount of \$250,000.00; to authorize the appropriation of \$250,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$250,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** \$250,000.00 in grant funds have been made available through the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission for the Pool Safely grant program for the period of September 28, 2019 through September 27, 2021; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to accept and appropriate these funds from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission for the support of the Pool Safely grant program; and,

**WHEREAS,** this ordinance is submitted as an emergency to not delay services to clients and their families and to allow the financial transactions to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible given the grant start date of September 28, 2019; and,

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to accept these grant funds from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and to appropriate these funds to the Health Department 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 Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept a grant award totaling \$250,000.00

from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission for the Pool Safely grant program for the period of September 28, 2019 through September 27, 2021.

**SECTION 2.** That from the unappropriated monies in the Health Department's Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources during the grant period, the sum of \$250,000.00 and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 5001, according to the attached accounting document.

**SECTION 3.** That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Health Commissioner 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 may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated 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.