



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to accept five grants totaling \$230,000 from the Bureau of Criminal Justice, and to appropriate from the unappropriated balance of the general government grant fund. These grants will partially subsidize salaries and fringe benefits for one person in each of the five specialized dockets: Changing Actions to Change Habits (CATCH), Learning to Identify and Navigate Change (LINC), Recovery Court, Helping Achieve Recovery Together (h.a.r.t.), and the Military and Veteran Service (MAVS) program.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$230,000.00 will be expended from the General Government Grant Fund.

Emergency legislation is requested so funds can be utilized immediately. The grant was effective July 1, 2019, but the funds were not awarded until September.

To authorize and direct the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to accept five grants totaling \$230,000.00 from the Bureau of Criminal Justice for the purpose of partially subsidizing salaries and fringe benefits for one person in each of the five specialized dockets; to appropriate \$230,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the general government grant fund to the Franklin County Municipal Court; and to declare an emergency. (\$230,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is in the city's best interest that the Franklin County Municipal Court continue to receive support for the specialized dockets; and

WHEREAS, grant monies from the Bureau of Criminal Justice, in the amount of \$230,000, are available to provide for salaries and benefits of one person in each of the specialized dockets; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Court in that it is immediately necessary to accept the aforementioned grants to provide salaries for the program thereby preserving 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 Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to accept five grants totaling \$230,000 from the Bureau of Criminal Justice.

SECTION 2. Funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated. That from the unappropriated balance in the general government grant fund, fund 2220, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and appropriated for any other purpose during the twelve months ending June 30, 2020, the sum of \$230,000 is appropriated to the Franklin County Municipal Court, department number 2501 as follows:

Grant 251913, \$50,000 Drug Court

Grant 251914, \$40,000 Human Trafficking
Grant 251915, \$50,000 Drug Court (Opiates)
Grant 251916, \$40,000 Veterans
Grant 251917, \$50,000 Mental Health

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$230,000, or as much as may be necessary, is hereby authorized from the Franklin County Municipal Court.

SECTION 4. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court 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 5. At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grant 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 6. 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.