



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health has been awarded a grant from Franklin County Public Health to support the Franklin County Overdose Data to Action Project. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$148,000.00 in grant monies to fund the Franklin County Overdose Data to Action Project grant program for the period of November 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

In April of 2019, the Franklin County Coroner's Office (FCCO) released preliminary overdose death statistics for 2018. Opioid-related deaths accounted for almost 92% of overdose deaths in 2018. Fueling this was fentanyl, which accounted for 79% of all overdose deaths. In the same period for 2017, opiates accounted for 87.8% and fentanyl accounted for 61% of overdose deaths. Regarding race and ethnicity, 22% of those who died of overdose were African American, an increase of 2% from 2017. Hispanics also saw an increase in overdose deaths from 1% in 2017 to 3% in 2018. The Caucasian population saw a decrease in overdose deaths from 78% in 2017 to 74% in 2018.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency so a delay in services does not occur due to the start date November 1, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Franklin County Overdose Data to Action Project Grant is fully funded (\$148,000.00) by Franklin County Public Health and does not require a City match.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept a grant from Franklin County Public Health for the Franklin County Overdose Data to Action Project Grant in the amount of \$148,000.00; to authorize the appropriation of \$148,000.00 to the Health Department in the Health Department's Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$148,000.00)

WHEREAS, \$148,000.00 in grant funds have been made available through the Franklin County Overdose Data to Action Project Grant for the period of November 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept and appropriate these funds from Franklin County Public Health for the support of the Franklin County Overdose Data to Action Project Grant; 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 Franklin County Public Health to meet deliverables and to appropriate these funds to Columbus Public Health for the immediate preservation of the public health, property, safety and welfare, and to avoid a delay in client services; 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 of \$148,000.00 from Franklin County Public Health for the Franklin County Overdose Data to Action Project Grant November 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

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 and unappropriated for any other purpose during the grant period, the sum of \$148,000.00 and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated upon receipt of an executed grant agreement to the Health Department, Division No. 5001, as indicated in the ordinance

attachment.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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.