



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes an agreement with the Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO), State of Ohio, for the Drugged Driving Enforcement Program - FFY20 and to appropriate funds to cover the costs of the program. The OTSO works to reduce high-traffic related crashes to save lives and reduce injuries and economic loss. This program will target reducing fatal crashes through enforcement activity by uniformed officers investigating and enforcing drugged drivers with a focus on impairment other than alcohol. The agreement authorizes reimbursement for the overtime costs of sworn personnel trained at the ARIDE level working in the program. The funding for the agreement is dependent on federal funds from the US Department of Transportation for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 and follows the fiscal year period, October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency legislation is necessary to make funds available for the grant funded activity period that started October 1, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the appropriation of \$15,035.84 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund for the Division of Police to cover the costs associated with the Drugged Driving Enforcement Program (DDEP) - FFY20. All funds appropriated are reimbursable from the State of Ohio, with the exception of those attributable to Workers' Compensation costs. \$360.28 in Workers' Compensation costs will be covered by a transfer from Police's existing general fund appropriation. FFY19 expenditures were \$13,523.59 as of the date of this legislation.

To authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Traffic Safety Office, State of Ohio, and accept a grant award to participate in the Drugged Driving Enforcement Program - FFY20; to authorize an appropriation of \$15,035.84 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grant Fund to the Division of Police to cover the costs associated with this project; to authorize a transfer of \$360.28 from the General Fund 01 to the Transfer Out account 10; to authorize a transfer of \$360.28 from the Transfer Out account 10 to the General Government Grant Fund to cover Workers' Compensation costs associated with this project; and to declare an emergency. (\$15,035.84).

WHEREAS, the Division of Police will work overtime on a program to target reducing fatal crashes through enforcement activity by uniformed ARIDE trained officers investigating and enforcing drugged drivers with a focus on impairment other than alcohol; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO), State of Ohio, who will provide funds through the Drugged Driving Enforcement Program - FFY20 to the City of Columbus, Division of Police; and,

WHEREAS, an appropriation is needed to cover the costs associated with the Drugged Driving Enforcement Program - FFY20; and,

WHEREAS, the project period started October 1, 2019 and goes through September 30, 2020, and appropriation authority needs to be available as soon as possible to begin grant activities; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in

that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into the aforementioned agreement for the Drugged Driving Enforcement Program - FFY20 and to appropriate \$15,035.84 for the project costs, thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, safety, and welfare; **now, therefore:**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Traffic Safety Office, State of Ohio, and to accept a grant award in the amount of \$15,035.84, which represents funding for the Drugged Driving Enforcement Program - FFY20.

SECTION 2. That General Funds in the amount of \$360.28 are hereby authorized for transfer into fund 1000 in Transfer Out Obj Class 10, per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the amount of \$360.28 are hereby authorized for transfer from fund 1000 in Transfer Out Obj Class 10 into fund 2220 General Government Grants in Obj. Class 01 Personnel, per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That from the unappropriated monies in the General Government Grant Fund 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 \$15,035.84 is appropriated in fund 2220 General Government Grants in Obj. Class 01 Personnel per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 3 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 in an amount not to exceed the available cash balance in the fund.

SECTION 8. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, 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.