



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Office of the Mayor has been awarded a grant from the Ohio Department of Medicaid, in partnership with the State's Managed Care Plans. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$4,520,000.00 in grant monies to fund the coordination of maternal health programs in Franklin County for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

The Ohio Department of Medicaid has awarded \$4,520,000.00 to CelebrateOne and the City of Columbus to coordinate the implementation of maternal health programs in Franklin County. Over the next 2 years, grant funding will help expand CenteringPregnancy options to priority geographies through Heart of Ohio Family Health Centers and PrimaryOne Health, while also strengthening prenatal home visiting teams at OhioHealth, Nationwide Children's Hospital and Columbus Public Health. In addition, this grant will support culturally informed doula care through the community-based organization Restoring Our Own Through Transformation, maintain trauma-informed prenatal support through Moms2B, and provide support to the community's information and referral line, StepOne for a Healthy Pregnancy. What's more, the grant addresses gaps in service by increasing support for breastfeeding through the Black Lactation Circle, and teen outreach through The Center for Healthy Families. Finally, this grant ensures that the community's strong core of community health workers at CelebrateOne, Men for the Movement, and the YMCA of Central Ohio continue to connect women and families to services and resources that support a healthy pregnancy.

The \$4,520,000.00 will be appropriated across both the Office of the Mayor and Columbus Public Health, with \$699,050.46 appropriated to Columbus Public Health for supporting community health workers and \$707,601.11 for the Moms & Babies First home visiting program. Additionally, \$3,113,348.43 will be appropriated to the Office of the Mayor for the purpose of contracting with community service providers that were approved by the Ohio Department of Medicaid and for the purpose of supporting project implementation, management and oversight.

EMERGENCY ACTION: This ordinance is submitted as an emergency as to not delay program services and to allow the financial transactions to be posted to the City's accounting system as soon as possible.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of \$4,520,000.00 in Ohio Department of Medicaid grant monies to fund the coordination of maternal health programs in Franklin County. This program does not generate any revenue or require a City match.

To authorize the Office of the Mayor and the Columbus Board of Health to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Medicaid to coordinate the implementation of maternal health programs in the amount of \$4,520,000.00; to authorize the appropriation of \$4,520,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the General Government Grants Fund 2220; and to declare an emergency. (\$4,520,000.00)

WHEREAS, \$4,520,000.00 in grant funds have been made available through the Ohio Department of Medicaid to coordinate the implementation of maternal health programs in Franklin County for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept and appropriate these funds from the Ohio Department of Medicaid to coordinate the implementation of maternal health programs in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is being submitted as an emergency measure so that timely services can begin and to allow

the financial transactions to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible given the start date of January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Office of the Mayor in that it is immediately necessary to accept these grant funds from the Ohio Department of Medicaid 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 Office of the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate a grant award totaling \$4,520,000.00 from the Ohio Department of Medicaid to coordinate maternal health programs in Franklin County for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the General Government Grants Fund No. 2220, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources during the grant period, the sum of \$4,520,000.00 is hereby appropriated upon the receipt of an executed grant agreement to the Office of the Mayor, Department 40, and Columbus Public Health, Department 50, according to the attached accounting document.

SECTION 3. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon order of the Office of the Mayor and the Columbus Board of Health 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. 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, if applicable, may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originate in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

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 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.