



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy & Programs, and to appropriate the total amount of the grant from the unappropriated balance of the general government grant fund to the Probation Department of the Franklin County Municipal Court. This grant will fund three assessment specialists from Alvis Inc. for the provision of pre-trial intake support and risk-based assessments in the Municipal Court.

Emergency Legislation is requested so that the grant funds can be utilized as soon as possible.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$50,000.00 will be expended from the General Government Grant Fund.

To authorize and direct the Administrative Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to accept a grant award from the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs; to appropriate \$50,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the general government grant fund to the Franklin County Municipal Court Department of Probation and Pretrial Services for the purpose of providing 3 assessment specialists from Alvis Inc for the provision of pre-trial intake and risk-based assessments supporting a reduction in the length of time necessary to assign probationers to appropriate caseloads; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is in the city's best interest that the Franklin County Municipal Court receive support to provide timely pre-trial intake support and risk-based assessments; and

WHEREAS, grant monies from the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy & Programs, in the amount of \$50,000 are available to provide for intake support and assessments; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Franklin County Municipal Court in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Administrative Judge to accept this grant so that the grant funds can be used as close to the start date of 11/1/2019 as possible, for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Administrative Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy & Programs.

SECTION 2. That 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 months ending March 31, 2020, the sum of \$50,000 is appropriated to the Franklin County Municipal Court.

SECTION 3. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Administrative 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 4. That, 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 5. That for the reasons stated in the preamble herein, which are 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 passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither vetoes nor approves the same.