



Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to accept the award of an EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant in an amount up to \$152,286.00 from American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) and authorizes the Department of Public Utilities to utilize the funds for sustainability efforts in the City of Columbus. The EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant program was instituted by AMP to return unused funds to participating members. Sustainability Grants are thus intended to recognize EcoSmart Choice participating communities that demonstrate a commitment to sustainability through the promotion of environmentally focused, community based grant projects.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no matching requirement for this grant. Up to \$152,286.00 will be spent to further sustainability efforts within the City of Columbus.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to accept the award of an EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant in an amount up to \$152,286.00 from American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP); to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to establish a program to further sustainability efforts within the City of Columbus; and to authorize the appropriation and expenditure up to \$152,286.00. (\$152,286.00)

WHEREAS, American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) has instituted the EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant program to return unused funds to participating members, and

WHEREAS, Sustainability Grants are intended to recognize EcoSmart Choice participating communities that demonstrate a commitment to sustainability through the promotion of environmentally focused, community based grant projects, and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Department of Public Utilities, Division of Power, may be awarded an EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant in an amount up to \$152,286.00, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate said funds to the Department of Public Utilities for expenditures, and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Power, to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to accept the award of an EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant in the amount up to \$152,286.00 from American Municipal Power, Inc.; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Utilities be and is hereby authorized to accept the award of an EcoSmart Choice Sustainability Grant in an amount up to \$152,286.00 from American Municipal Power, Inc.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into the Private Grant Fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the term of the grant, the sum up to \$152,286.00 is appropriated and the Auditor is authorized to post appropriations of up to the grant award amount of \$152,286.00, upon request by the Division of Power in 6007/6316/Grant number to be determined at the time of award. Appropriation is effective upon receipt of the executed grant agreement.

SECTION 3. That the monies in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon order of the Director of Public Utilities, 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 the expenditure up to \$152,286.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended as determined at the time of the award.

SECTION 5. 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 6. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated.

SECTION 7. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.