



Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for the purpose of providing funding and continued support for the 2020 MORPC Water Resources Program. MORPC receives funding from various sources including the City of Columbus, counties and townships to provide legislative representation, consulting services, training and educational forums, and regional networking opportunities.

City funding, along with funds from the Franklin County Engineering's Office and Metro Parks, will allow for continued program funding. The results of this program will be very useful to the Department of Public Utilities by potentially providing better services to the City of Columbus in the form of better floodplain infrastructure, and improved stream water quality. The mission of the program is to foster a better understanding and appreciation of waterways effect on our environment. Furthermore, the program provides models, strategies and information for environmental planning process and land use decisions in the community and watersheds.

SUPPLIER: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (31-1009675) V#004591 Non-Profit

FISCAL IMPACT: \$80,000.00 is needed and budgeted for this support.

\$60,000.00 was spent in 2019

\$60,000.00 was spent in 2018

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for the purpose of providing funding and support for the 2020 MORPC Water Resources Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$31,000.00 from the Sanitary Sewer Operating Fund, \$40,000.00 from the Water Operating Fund, and \$9,000.00 from the Storm Sewer Operating Fund. (\$80,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has developed multi-jurisdictional plans for long-term protection and enhancement of our rivers and streams; and

WHEREAS, City funding, along with funds from counties and townships, will allow for continued program funding; and

WHEREAS, the results of this program will be very useful to the Department of Public Utilities by potentially providing better services to the City of Columbus in the form of better floodplain infrastructure and improved stream water quality; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the program is to foster a better understanding and appreciation of waterways effect on our environment; furthermore, the program provides models, strategies and information for environmental planning process and land use decisions in the community and watersheds; and

WHEREAS, the support covers the period of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Sewerage and Drainage and Division of Water, to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a support agreement for the 2020 MORPC Water Resources Program with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Utilities be and hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for the purposes of providing funding and continued support for the 2020 MORPC Water Resources Program.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$80,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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 4. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.