



## Legislation Text

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### **BACKGROUND**

This ordinance authorizes the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to accept a three year grant in the amount of \$135,000.00 from the Center for Court Innovations, a project of the Fund for the City of New York, and to appropriate the total amount of the grant from the unappropriated balance of the private grants fund to the Specialized Docket of the Franklin County Municipal Court. This grant will fund two Peer Support Specialists to be assigned to the Changing Actions To Change Habits (CATCH) Human Trafficking Specialty Court. The Specialized Dockets have increased their understanding of and value for that of a Peer Support Specialist, an individual with lived experience and specific training to assist in the rehabilitation of participants. The Peer Support Specialists will be mentors specifically to the participants of the CATCH Specialty Court.

**Emergency Legislation** is requested so that the grant funds can be utilized as soon as possible during the grant period (January 1, 2020-December 31, 2022).

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

\$135,000.00 will be expended from the Private Grants Fund.

To authorize and direct the Administrative Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to accept a grant award from the Center for Court Innovations, a project of the Fund for the City of New York; to appropriate \$135,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the private grants fund to the Franklin County Municipal Court Specialized Docket for the purpose of contracting with two Peer Support Specialists to be assigned to the CATCH Human Trafficking Specialty Court; and to declare an emergency. (\$135,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, it is in the city's best interest that the Franklin County Municipal Court receive support to provide Peer Support Specialists to act as mentors to the participants of the CATCH Specialty Court; and

**WHEREAS**, grant monies from the Center for Court Innovations, a project of the Fund for the City of New York, in the amount of \$135,000 are available to provide for mentoring of current CATCH Court participants; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Municipal Court in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge to accept this grant so that the grant funds can be used as close to the start date of 1/1/2020 as possible; 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 \$135,000 from the Center for Court Innovations, a project of the Fund for the City of New York.

**SECTION 2.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated. That from the unappropriated balance in the private grants 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 December 31, 2022, the sum of \$135,000.00 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 and Presiding 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.