



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** CelebrateOne has been awarded a grant by members of the Crane family, which have been deposited into the CelebrateOne Community Fund at The Columbus Foundation. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$344,414.00 in grant money to support the work of CelebrateOne's community health workers, known as the Connector Corps, for the time period of January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2021.

The Connector Corps is CelebrateOne's team of Community Health Workers, or CHWs, dedicated to connecting pregnant and parenting women and their families to clinical care and social supports. Connectors are skilled at identifying barriers and helping to navigate the complex set of programs, agencies and systems designed to support healthy birth outcomes. There are Connectors based in 8 different neighborhoods throughout Columbus, as these communities have disproportionately higher infant mortality rates. CelebrateOne partners with Columbus Public Health to provide administrative and fiscal oversight of the Corps.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency so as to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible, given the grant start date of January 1, 2020. Up to date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The program activity is funded in part by private contributions to the CelebrateOne Community Fund at The Columbus Foundation and does not generate revenue nor require a City match.

To authorize the Office of the Mayor to accept grant funds from the CelebrateOne Community Fund at The Columbus Foundation for support of the Connector Corps program in the amount of \$344,414.00; to authorize the appropriation of \$344,414.00 to the City's Private Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$344,414.00)

**WHEREAS,** \$344,414.00 in grant funds have been made available to Columbus Public Health through the CelebrateOne Community Fund at the Columbus Foundation for the Connector Corps; and,

**WHEREAS,** this ordinance is submitted as an emergency so as to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible due to the grant begin date of January 1, 2020. Up to date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management; and,

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of CelebrateOne and Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Office of the Mayor to accept this grant from the CelebrateOne Community Fund at The Columbus Foundation, and to appropriate these funds to Columbus Public Health 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 and directed to accept a grant award of \$344,414.00 from the CelebrateOne Fund at The Columbus Foundation for the time period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

**SECTION 2.** That from the unappropriated monies in the Fund known as the City's Private Grants Fund, Fund No. 2291,

and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources for the period ending December 31, 2021, the sum of \$344,414.00 upon the receipt of an executed grant agreement, and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Health Commissioner and/or the Mayor, 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.** 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 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 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.