



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Ohio Department of Health. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$258,000.00 in grant money to fund the Moms & Babies First: Black Infant Vitality grant program, for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

The Moms & Babies First: Black Infant Vitality program is a culturally specific home visitation program that provides in-home family-centered service coordination and education services to high-risk, low-income, African-American pregnant women and their infants to age 1 year who reside in 14 specific Columbus zip codes. The zip codes are 43203, 43204, 43205, 43206, 43207, 43211, 43215, 43219, 43222, 43223, 43224, 43227, 43229, and 43232.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency to continue the support of all activities for the Moms & Babies First: Black Infant Vitality grant.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Moms & Babies First: Black Infant Vitality program is entirely funded by the grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Ohio Department of Health and does not generate revenue or require a City Match.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Health in the amount of \$258,000.00 for the Moms & Babies First: Black Infant Vitality program, a culturally specific home visitation program that provides in-home family-centered service coordination and education services to high-risk, low-income, African-American pregnant women and their infants to age 1 year who reside in 14 specific Columbus zip codes; to authorize the appropriation of \$258,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$258,000.00)

WHEREAS, \$258,000.00 in grant funds have been made available through the Ohio Department of Health for the Moms & Babies First: Black Infant Vitality grant program for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept and appropriate these funds from the Ohio Department of Health for the continued support of the Moms & Babies First: Black Infant Vitality grant program; 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. Up to date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to accept these grant funds from the Ohio Department Health to continue the support of all activities for the Moms & Babies First: Black Infant Vitality grant, and to appropriate these funds to Columbus Public Health for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to avoid delay in client services; Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept a grant award of \$258,000.00 from the Ohio Department of Health for the Moms & Babies First: Black Infant Vitality grant program for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the Health Department's Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources during the grant period, the sum of \$258,000.00 and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 5001, according to the attached accounting document.

SECTION 3. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Health Commissioner and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except upon 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. 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 hereby 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.