



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health has been awarded a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$46,000 in grant money to fund the Safe Routes to School Program for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

The Safe Routes to School Program will provide safety education for elementary and middle school students. This program encourages and enables children to walk or bike to school, positively impacting health, reducing traffic congestion, enhancing a sense of community and improving safety.

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 start period of July 1, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT: The program is fully funded (\$46,000.00) by the Ohio Department of Transportation 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 Transportation for the Safe Routes to School Program in the amount of \$46,000.00; to authorize the appropriation of \$46,000.00 in the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$46,000.00)

WHEREAS, \$46,000.00 in grant funds have been made available to Columbus Public Health through the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School Program; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept this grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation, and to appropriate these funds to the Health Department for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to accept this grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation, and to appropriate these funds to the Health Department 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 Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept a grant award of \$46,000.00 from the Ohio Department of Transportation for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources for the period ending June 30, 2021, the sum of \$46,000.00 and any eligible interest earned during the grand period is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 5001 per the accounting codes attached in this ordinance.

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 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 or vetoes the same.