



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** Columbus Public Health has been awarded a grant from The Ohio State University. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate a total of \$108,679.73 to fund the Neisseria Meningitidis Epidemiology Grant Program, for the period of August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021.

The Neisseria Meningitidis Epidemiology Grant Program will allow Columbus Public Health (CPH) to work with local partners to conduct an intensive evaluation of an ongoing outbreak of sexually transmitted urethritis caused by a distinct, novel clade of non-groupable *Neisseria Meningitidis* (Nm). The program will screen clients seeking testing for sexually transmitted diseases in CPH's Sexual Health Clinic for Nm infection, and will answer questions about the population affected, the spectrum of symptoms experienced, patients' responses to recommended treatment, and the risk of Nm acquisition by sex partners and the risk of reinfection of cases. This project has great potential to impact a novel, significant threat to sexual health among Columbus residents.

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.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Neisseria Meningitidis Epidemiology Grant Program is entirely funded by The Ohio State University.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept a grant from The Ohio State University; to authorize the appropriation of \$108,679.73 from the unappropriated balance of the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$108,679.73)

**WHEREAS**, \$108,679.73 in grant funds have been made available through The Ohio State University for the Neisseria Meningitidis Epidemiology Grant Program, for the period of August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to accept and appropriate these funds from The Ohio State University for the support of the Neisseria Meningitidis Epidemiology 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 the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to accept these grant funds from The Ohio State University and to appropriate these funds to the Health Department to ensure the immediate delivery of services, all 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 \$108,679.73 from The Ohio State University for the Neisseria Meningitidis Epidemiology Grant Program, for the period of August 1, 2020 through July 31, 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 during the twelve months ending July 31, 2021, the sum of \$108,679.73 and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 50, per the accounting codes attached 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 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.** That 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 all related fee revenue income is hereby deemed appropriated.

**SECTION 7.** 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.