



## Legislation Text

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To maintain unemployment benefit payments in accordance with Federal Law, an appropriation within the Employee Benefits Fund is necessary for the continuation of payments from the unemployment compensation program. To determine the amount necessary for the appropriation, current utilization and anticipated claims were analyzed, thus an appropriation and expenditure of up to \$1,000,000 or so much thereof may be necessary to pay the costs associated with the unemployment compensation program.

**EMERGENCY DESIGNATION:** Emergency action is requested to ensure the unemployment compensation program is able to commence as soon as contractually possible, thereby maintaining continuity of service.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Unemployment compensation payments to the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services for 2019 were \$229,000 and \$283,000 in 2020. In 2020, CARES Act Funding through the City and Ohio Department of Job & Family Services offset actual unemployment expenses. Unemployment expenses were higher in 2020 than normal, due to the pandemic. Actual expenses in 2020 was \$728,000. This ordinance is contingent upon the passage of the 2021 operating budget ordinances 2502-2020, 2503-2020, and 2504-2020.

To authorize the appropriation from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 for the funding of the Unemployment Compensation Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$1,000,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,000,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of up to \$1,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay costs associated with the unemployment compensation program; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Department of Human Resources in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate funds to ensure the unemployment compensation program is able to commence as soon as contractually possible, thereby maintaining continuity of service; Now, Therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** That from the monies in and from all monies estimated to come into the Employee Benefits Fund 5502, from any and all sources from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, the sum of \$1,000,000 is hereby appropriated per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** That the monies appropriated in Section 1 shall be paid on order of the Human Resources Director and no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$1,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** That for the 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.