



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health has been awarded a grant from the Ohio Department of Health originating from the Centers for Disease Control. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$120,000.00 in grant monies to fund the Creating Healthy Communities Grant Program for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

This grant will utilize population-based strategies to address healthy eating, active living and smoke free living, with the goal of reducing chronic diseases.

The percentage of overweight and obese adults within the priority communities of Linden, South Side and West Side, is approximately 65%, with almost 60% of the residents in the priority communities not meeting the physical activity guidelines. 54.4% of adult residents are eating less than one serving of fruit per day, and 69.3% are eating less than one serving of vegetables per week (BRFSS - Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2011-2016). Lastly, almost 35.1% of residents within the priority communities are current smokers, compared to 22.7% in Franklin County (BRFSS, 2011-2016).

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, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT: The program is funded by the Ohio Department of Health and does not generate revenue or require a City match. (\$120,000.00)

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Health for the Creating Healthy Communities Grant Program in the amount of \$120,000.00; to authorize the appropriation of \$120,000.00 to the Health Department in the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$120,000.00)

WHEREAS, grant funding has been made available to Columbus Public Health through the Ohio Department of Health for the Creating Healthy Communities Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Board of Health to accept \$120,000.00 in grant funds for the Creating Healthy Communities Grant Program for the period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, and to appropriate these monies to the Health Department; and,

WHEREAS, this ordinance is submitted as an emergency so delay of service does not occur since grant starts January 1, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the acceptance of the Creating Healthy Communities Grant Program 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 \$120,000.00 from the Ohio Department of Health for the Creating Healthy Communities Program for the period January 1, 2021, through December 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 for the period ending December 31, 2021, the sum of \$120,000.00 and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 50-01, per the accounting codes as 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 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 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.