



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health was awarded a grant from the Ohio Commission on Minority Health. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$7,500.00 to fund Minority Health Month events for the period of September 20, 2020 through April 30, 2021. The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for billboard advertisements, health screenings, and additional activities occurring at Minority Health Month events to help increase minority health awareness in Columbus communities.

CPH organized nine Minority Health Month initiatives in 2020. Minority Health Month activities directly served 3465 community members and provided COVID-19 messaging, and addressed disparities among minority populations in Columbus providing COVID-19 information. The billboard advertising campaign reaches an estimated 153,000 residents raising awareness for minority health initiatives.

Emergency action is requested to allow planning for future events to begin as soon as possible.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Minority Health Month Grant Program is fully funded by the Ohio Commission on Minority Health. This program does not generate revenue and does not require a City match.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept a grant from the Ohio Commission on Minority Health in the amount of \$7,500.00 for Minority Health Month events; to authorize the appropriation of \$7,500.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$7,500.00)

WHEREAS, \$7,500.00 in grant funds have been awarded to Columbus Public Health from the Ohio Commission on Minority Health for Minority Health Month events for the period of September 20, 2020 through April 30, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept and appropriate these funds from the Ohio Commission on Minority Health for the continued support of Minority Health programs; 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 and allow planning for the events to begin as soon as possible; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board to accept these grant funds from the Ohio Commission on Minority Health and to appropriate these funds to Columbus Public Health 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 totaling \$7,500.00 from the Ohio Commission on Minority Health for Minority Health Month events for the period of September 20, 2020 through April 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 April 30, 2021, the sum of \$7,500.00 and any

eligible interest earned during the grant period are hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 5001 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. 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.