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Columbus Public Health has been awarded a grant from Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) Division for the purpose of establishing a formal collaboration and by consent of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to utilize dedicated space at the Franklin County Correctional Center II supporting the planning, implementation and operationalizing of the Franklin County Rapid Resource Center located in the Franklin County Correction Center 11, 2460-Jackson Pike, Columbus, OH 43223. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate up to $10,000.00 in grant monies to fund the Franklin County Rapid Resource Center for the period of February 4, 2021 through February 3, 2023.

Opioid-related overdose mortality is the leading cause of death among people released from jails or prisons. Columbus Public Health and Franklin County OJPP recognize the importance of coordination across criminal justice, public health, and community organizations to reduce barriers to social services, ensure access to health insurance, and improve short and long-term outcomes for justice involved individuals. The Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs (OJPP) applied for and was successfully awarded state and federal justice grant funding to support the development and implementation of the Rapid Resource Center for Justice. The RRCJ involves individuals recently released from the Franklin County Correction Center II and are in need of assistance for various outcomes, including, treatment referral and linkage, medical and dental appointment scheduling, healthcare and public benefits establishment, case management, peer mentoring, basic personal hygiene products, employment assistance, housing referral and linkage, harm reduction education and access to naloxone.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency in order to ensure Columbus has harm reduction services to continue to save lives.

FISCAL IMPACT: The funds for the Franklin County Rapid Resource Center Grant Program is funded ($10,000.00) by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and does not require a City match.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept a grant from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the Franklin County Rapid Resource Center Grant Program in the amount of $10,000.00; to authorize the appropriation of $10,000.00 to the Health Department in the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. ($10,000.00)

WHEREAS, grant funding has been made available to Columbus Public Health through the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the Franklin County Rapid Resource Center Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Board of Health to accept $10,000.00 in grant funds for the Franklin County Rapid Resource Center Grant Program for the period of February 4, 2021, through February 3, 2023, and to appropriate these monies to the Health Department; and,

WHEREAS, this ordinance is submitted as an emergency so delay of harm reduction service does not occur since the grant started February 4, 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 Franklin County Rapid Resource Center 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 $10,000.00 from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the Franklin County Rapid Resource Center Grant Program for the period February 4, 2021, through February 3, 2023.

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 February 3, 2023, the sum of $10,000.00 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.