

Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the City Auditor to transfer funds between Object Classes within the Division of Police's Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Grant Funds to properly align appropriation with projected expenditure. Ordinance 1392-2020 passed in September 2020 appropriated approximately \$500,000.00 of US Justice Assistance Grant Funds within personnel to be used for sworn salaries and overtime related to Coronavirus responses. However, some of these funds need transferred to address the division's greater need of medical supplies and equipment to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the Division and subsequently to Columbus residents. The project manager has been granted authorization and approval from the Grantors to move said funds within the grant budget. \$300,000.00 will be transferred from contractual services to equipment.

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is necessary in order to spend the funds by the December 31st deadline as there is no allowance for extension.

FISCAL IMPACT: This transaction authorizes a transfer of \$335,060.00 within the Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding award to properly align appropriations with projected expenditure. Funds will be moved from Personnel and Services to Supplies and Equipment.

To authorize the transfer of funds between Object Classes within the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Grant Funds within the General Government Grant Fund to properly align appropriation with projected expenditures; and to declare an emergency. (\$335,060.00)

WHEREAS, the Division of Police needs to transfer \$335,060.00 within General Government Grant Fund from salaries and services to supplies and equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the initial appropriation ordinance 1392-2020, passed in September 2020, allocated more funds than needed to personnel for salaries and overtime, and,

WHEREAS, the greater need within the division is to purchase COVID-19 supplies and equipment for COVID-19 service calls; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual and daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to transfer funds within the appropriated funds of G332008 to spend funds by the deadline for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, property, safety, and welfare; **now, therefore:**

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

SECTION 1. That the sum of \$335,060.00 be and is hereby authorized to be transferred within the General Government Grant Fund, Project ID G332008, per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. 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 3. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Sections shall be paid upon the order of the Department of

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Public Safety, 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. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared 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.