



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this ordinance is to appropriate \$81,250.00 to the Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the Division of Police, for purchase of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to be carried in police vehicles in the event of medical emergencies among residents or division personnel.

In 2017, Council provided funding for thirty-six (36) AEDs to be carried in Division of Police cruisers. These would then be available if officers were the first on the scene to a cardiac arrest or similar medical emergency. In order to continue to enhance the Division's ability to protect the public, as well as fellow personnel, this ordinance will provide funding for an additional fifty (50) AEDs, pads, batteries, and cases.

This ordinance will appropriate \$81,250.00 within the Reimagine Safety subfund.

FISCAL IMPACT: Total appropriation is \$81,250.00 and is available in the 2021 budget within the Reimagine Safety subfund, Fund 1000-100019.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency action is requested in order to immediately provide additional AEDs in Division of Police vehicles for the safety, health, and welfare of the residents of Columbus.

To authorize the appropriation of \$81,250.00 in the Reimagine Safety subfund to the Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the Columbus Division of Police, for the purchase of automated external defibrillators and associated equipment; to authorize a transfer and appropriation of funds; to authorize an expenditure of \$81,250.00 within the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$81,250.00)

WHEREAS, City Council has committed to funding efforts to improve safety for both the residents of Columbus and Division of Police personnel; and,

WHEREAS, the availability of first-aid equipment can be an invaluable, life-saving resource for Police, as Division personnel are often the first responders on the scene of an emergency; and,

WHEREAS, Council has already provided funding for automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for select Division of Police cruisers, and intends to enhance the availability of this equipment to other officers; and,

WHEREAS, funding is available in the Reimagine Safety subfund for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety in that it is immediately necessary to appropriate funding to the Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the Division of Police, so that the Division may have additional access to this life-saving equipment, thereby preserving the public peace, property, health,

safety, and welfare; **now, therefore:**

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

SECTION 1: That \$81,250.00 is hereby appropriated within Fund 1000-100019 Reimagine Safety subfund per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$81,250.00 to the Department of Public Safety within the Reimagine Safety fund in object class 10-Transfers, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$81,250.00 from the Reimagine Safety subfund, fund 1000, subfund 100019, to the general fund, fund 1000, subfund 100010, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$81,250.00 to the Department of Public Safety within the general fund, fund 1000, subfund 100010, in 02-Supplies per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That the expenditure of \$81,250.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in the general fund, fund 1000, subfund 100010 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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.