



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** Columbus Public Health has been awarded additional funds from the Ohio Department of Health. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$500,000.00 in additional funds for the COVID-19 Enhanced Operations Grant program for the period of February 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

This grant will be increased from \$2,341,335.00 to \$2,841,335.00. The purpose of this grant is to make enhancements to COVID-19 vaccine operations, COVID-19 infection prevention and control activities, and the transition of grant funded COVID-19 contact tracing activities to the Ohio Department of Health's contracted service.

Emergency action is requested to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible to bolster the emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The grant award (\$2,841,335.00) is fully funded by the Ohio Department of Health, and does not generate or require a City match.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept additional funding from the Ohio Department of Health for the COVID-19 Enhanced Operations Grant Program in the amount of \$500,000.00; to authorize the appropriation of \$500,000.00 to the Health Department in the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$500,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, \$500,000.00 in additional grant funds have been made available to the Health Department through the Ohio Department of Health for the COVID-19 Enhanced Operations Grant Program for the period of February 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022; 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. Up to date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to accept and appropriate these funds from the Ohio Department of Health for the support of the COVID-19 Enhanced Operations Grant Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Health in that it is immediately necessary to accept this grant from the Ohio Department of Health to prevent, prepare for, and respond to a public health emergency in central Ohio in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and 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 \$500,000.00 from the Ohio Department of Health for the COVID-19 Enhanced Operations Grant period February 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

**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 July 31, 2022, the sum of \$500,000.00 and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated to the Health Department Grants Fund per accounting codes in the attachment 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 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.** 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