



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health has been awarded a grant from the Ohio Department of Health for the Drug Overdose Prevention Grant for the Addiction Services Division. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$135,000.00 in grant money for the period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

The purpose of this funding is to implement comprehensive sustainable interventions at the local level to prevent drug overuse, misuse, abuse, and overdose. The goal is to support local communities based on the needs identified within their community by providing resources for community coalitions and strategic plans, overdose fatality review boards, immediate community response plans and implementation of comprehensive sustainable systems in various settings to screen, identify and link at-risk populations with services. We have used this grant to formalize the Columbus & Franklin County Addiction Plan, with grant continuation focusing on coalition evaluation, as well as developing and implementing proposed changes for improvements on outcomes.

This ordinance is submitted as emergency so a delay in services does not occur due to the start date September 1, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Drug Overdose Prevention Grant 2023 is fully funded (\$135,000.00) by the Ohio Department of Health and does not require a City match.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Health for the Drug Overdose Prevention Grant in the amount of \$135,000.00; to authorize the appropriation of \$135,000.00 to the Health Department in the Health Department's Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$135,000.00)

WHEREAS, \$135,000.00 in grant funds have been made available through the Ohio Department of Health for the Drug Overdose Prevention grant program for the period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept and appropriate these funds from the Ohio Department of Health for the continued support of the Drug Overdose Prevention grant program; and

WHEREAS, the City may receive additional funds awarded from the Ohio Department of Health for the support of the Drug Overdose Prevention grant program; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to allow the City Auditor to transfer appropriations between object classes for the Drug Overdose Prevention grant program as needed upon request by the Columbus Public Health department.; 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, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to accept these additional grant funds from the Ohio Department of Health and to appropriate these funds to the Health Department to maintain the clients' continuity of care 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 funding of \$135,000.00 from the Ohio Department of Health for the Drug Overdose Prevention grant program for the period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

SECTION 2. The auditor's office is authorized to adjust appropriations to match current awarded amounts per the attached template and authorized to adjust appropriations as required for future award amount changes from the grantor in the Health Department's Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources during the grant period, the sum of \$135,000.00 and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 5001, according to the attached accounting document.

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. That, 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 the Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept any additional grant awards from the Ohio Department of Health for the Drug Overdose Prevention grant program for the period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

SECTION 7. That from the unappropriated monies and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purpose during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 any additional awarded funds are appropriated in Fund 2251 according to notification of award or grant agreement by the grantor.

SECTION 8. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between object classes for the Drug Overdose Prevention grant program as needed upon request by the Columbus Public Health department.

SECTION 9. 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.