



Legislation Text

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The Office of CelebrateOne and Columbus Public Health have been awarded a grant from the Ohio Department of Health. This ordinance is to accept and appropriate \$722,375.00 in grant money to fund the Ohio Equity Initiative 2.0 for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. This project will allow CelebrateOne to focus on nine zip codes in Franklin County with the greatest potential to impact the birth outcomes of pregnant African-American women at risk for preterm and low birth weights in Franklin County. It will also cover the Fetal Infant Mortality Review community based program that identifies local infant mortality issues and develops recommendations and initiatives to reduce infant deaths.

Funds will cover a percentage of the costs of the team managing the project - Senior Program Manager, Assistant Program Manager, Epidemiologist, and Health Equity Manager. In addition, funding will cover other operational expenses including but not limited to: office supplies, outreach materials, professional development, and mileage reimbursement.

Emergency Measure: This ordinance is submitted as an emergency to continue support of all activities for the Ohio Equity Initiative within the Columbus Public Health Department and the Office of CelebrateOne.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Ohio Equity Initiative 2.0 is entirely funded by the grant from the Ohio Department of Health and does not generate revenue or require a City Match. Grant number 402300.

To authorize the Executive Director, Office of CelebrateOne, and Columbus Public Health, to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Health in the amount of \$722,375.00 for the Ohio Equity Initiative 2.0 Project through December 31, 2023; to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of up to \$722,375.00 from the City's General Government Grant Fund to cover a percentage of the costs of the team managing the project and to cover other operational expenses including but not limited to: office supplies, outreach materials, professional development, and mileage reimbursement; and to declare an emergency. (\$722,375.00)

WHEREAS, \$722,375.00 has been made available through the Ohio Department of Health for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 for the Ohio Equity Initiative 2.0; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept and appropriate up to \$722,375.00 from the Ohio Department of Health for the continued support of the Ohio Equity Initiative 2.0 Program; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expend up to \$722,375.00 to support the Ohio Equity Initiative 2.0 Program deliverables; and

WHEREAS, funds will cover a percentage of the costs of the team managing the project - Senior Program Manager, Assistant Program Manager, Epidemiologist, and Health Equity Manager. In addition, funding will cover other operational expenses including but not limited to: office supplies, outreach materials, professional development, and mileage reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is being submitted as an emergency so as to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, up-to-date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Office of CelebrateOne and the Columbus Public Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to accept these funds on behalf of CelebrateOne to continue support of all activities for the Ohio Equity Initiative, 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 Executive Director, Office of CelebrateOne, and Columbus Public Health is hereby authorized to accept a grant award of \$722,375.00 from the Ohio Department of Health for the Ohio Equity Initiative 2.0 Program from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the General Government Fund 2220, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources during the grant period, the sum of \$722,375.00 and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated to the Office of CelebrateOne and the Columbus Public Health Department as per the 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 Office of the Mayor and Columbus Public Health 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 the Executive Director, Office of CelebrateOne and Columbus Public Health are authorized to expend up to \$722,375.00 for staff salaries and other services needed to fulfill the deliverables of the Ohio Equity Initiative 2.0 Program Grant. These expenditures will be made during the program year and will follow the City's procurement rules.

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. At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances that may be 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 7. 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.