



Legislation Text

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Columbus Public Health has been awarded funds from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for Public Health Lead Investigations via an amendment to the Ohio Department of Health Lead Delegated Authority Provider Agreement. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate \$100,000.00 in grant monies to fund the Public Health Lead Investigations grant program for the period of May 25, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

The Public Health Lead Investigations grant funds are to be used by the department to purchase additional lead screening supplies and to hire an additional staff member to provide qualified public health lead investigations, public health lead risk assessments, case follow-up upon referral by ODH for children under six (6) years of age, and provide expanded services to Elevated Blood Lead Level cases per new requirements dictated by ODH.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency to not delay important lead screening services to clients and their families based on the new Elevated Blood Lead Level case requirements and to adhere to the agreement start date of May 25, 2023 and the end date of June 30, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Public Health Lead Investigations grant program is entirely funded by the Ohio Department of Health. This program does not generate any revenue or require a City match. (\$100,000.00)

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept funds from the Ohio Department of Health in the amount of \$100,000.00 and any additional funds for the Public Health Lead Investigations grant program; to authorize the appropriation of \$100,000.00 and any additional funds from the unappropriated balance of the Health Department Grants Fund; to authorize the City Auditor to transfer appropriations between object classes for the Public Health Lead Investigations grant program; and to declare an emergency. (\$100,000.00)

WHEREAS, \$100,000.00 in funds have been made available to Columbus Public Health through the Ohio Department of Health for the Public Health Lead Investigations grant program for the period of May 25, 2023 through June 30, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept and appropriate these funds from the Ohio Department of Health for the support of the Public Health Lead Investigations grant program; and,

WHEREAS, the City may receive additional funds awarded from the Ohio Department of Health for the support of lead investigations to be used by the Public Health Lead Investigation grant program; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept and appropriate these additional funds from the Ohio Department of Health for the support of lead investigations under the Public Health Lead Investigation grant program upon receipt of an executed agreement; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to allow the City Auditor to transfer appropriations between object classes for the Public Health Lead Investigations grant program as needed upon request by the Columbus Public Health department to carry out the purpose of the grant.; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately

necessary to authorize the Board to accept these grant funds from the Ohio Department of Health to meet grant deliverables outlined in the amendment to the existing agreement, to not delay lead screening services to clients and their families, to adhere to the grant start date of May 25, 2023 and end date of June 30, 2023 and to appropriate these funds to Columbus Public Health for the immediate preservation of the public health, 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 \$100,000.00 in funding from the Ohio Department of Health for the Public Health Lead Investigations grant program for the period of May 25, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

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 June 30, 2023, the sum of \$100,000.00 is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 5001 per the accounting codes attached in 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. That the Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept any additional funds from the Ohio Department of Health for the support of lead investigations to be used by the Public Health Lead Investigations grant program.

SECTION 5. 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 June 30, 2023, any additional awarded funds are to be appropriated in Fund 2251 upon notification of award or executed agreement by the Ohio Department of Health according to the accounting codes attached to this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between object classes for the Public Health Lead Investigations grant program as needed upon request by the Columbus Public Health department to carry out the purpose of the grant.

SECTION 7. 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 8. 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 9. 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.