



Legislation Text

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Columbus Public Health has been awarded a grant from the Ohio Department of Health. This ordinance is needed to accept and appropriate a total of \$25,000.00 in grant money to fund the Enhanced Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (eGISP) Grant Program, from the period of May 15, 2023 through June 30 2023.

Through increased laboratory and surveillance capacity, participation in the eGISP program will permit Columbus Public Health (CPH) to increase our detection of antibiotic-resistant N.gonorrhoeae in our community. This program is part of the federal government's "National Strategy for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria". Examination of samples from gonorrhea-infected clients seeking screening for sexually transmitted diseases in the CPH Sexual Health and Wellness Center will be sent to the CDC for antibiotic susceptibility testing. Results are combined with other geographical sites across the US to create profile and measures to combat antibiotic resistant gonorrhea. The results are also shared with surveillance and clinical experts at CPH, to make local decisions regarding patient treatment.

Emergency action is required to ensure the continued operation of the eGISP grant program and to allow CPH to additional analysis of eGISP variables, this analysis is a requirement from grantor.

FISCAL IMPACT: The eGISP Grant Program is entirely funded by the Ohio Department of Health.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Health to fund the Enhanced Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (eGISP) grant program; to authorize the appropriation of \$25,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Health Department grant fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$25,000.00)

WHEREAS, \$25,000.00 in grant funds have been made available through the Ohio Department of Health for the eGISP Grant Program, for the period of May 15, 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 eGISP Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, it necessary to allow the City Auditor to transfer appropriations between object classes for the eGISP grant programs needed upon the 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; and to allow program to meet deliverables required from grantor. Up to date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to accept these grant funds from the Ohio Department and to appropriate these fund to the Health Department to ensure the immediate delivery of essential eGisp services, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, poverty, 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 \$25,000.00 from the Ohio Department of Health for the eGISP Grant Program, for the period of May 15, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

SECTION 2. 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 grant period ended June 30, 2023, the sum of \$25,000 is hereby appropriated upon receipt of an executed grant agreement to The Health Department Grants Funds, Fund 2251, Department of Health, Division 5001, per the account 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 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. Upon execution of signed agreement, 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 eGISP program for the period of May 15, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

SECTION 7. That the city auditor is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between object classes for the FY23 eGISP Grant Program as needed upon request by the Columbus Public Health Department.

SECTION 8. 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.