



## Legislation Text

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The Office of CelebrateOne has received a grant award from the Franklin County Department of Jobs and Family Services to support the Health Equity Innovation and Birth Centers Initiative (HEIBC).

Since 2014, CelebrateOne has led the development and implementation of strategic community-based initiatives targeting the unacceptably high infant mortality rate in Franklin County. Infant deaths are higher in CelebrateOne priority neighborhoods and are fueled by long standing racial disparities, limited resources and support.

To help achieve the goal of eradicating infant mortality in Columbus and Franklin County, CelebrateOne has adopted a new strategic plan that calls for deeper investments in racial equity, expanded efforts to address the social determinants of health, and a strong, connected health and social services system.

Franklin County is providing up to \$130,784.16 in reimbursable grant funding to CelebrateOne in support of reducing and eliminating infant mortality and racial disparities in Franklin County by researching and developing strategies to create accessible on-site and in-home birthing services guided by certified doulas and licensed midwives. In addition, The Health Equity Innovation and Birth Centers Initiative (HEIBC), plans to expand access for more intensive and intentional birth methods to address maternal and infant health outcomes, to meet the needs of mothers and children.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Health Equity Innovation initiative is funded by the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services as a reimbursement grant. This effort does not generate any revenue nor require a City match. This ordinance allows for the acceptance and appropriation of the renewal grant funding up to \$130,784.16 within General Government Grant Fund 2220 and Grant #G402402.

To authorize and direct the Office of CelebrateOne to accept grant funds from the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services in the amount of \$130,784.16; and to authorize the appropriation to the Office of CelebrateOne within the City's General Government Grant Fund.

**WHEREAS,** Franklin County Department of Jobs and Family Services awarded a Health Equity Innovation Grant to the Office of CelebrateOne in 2021 and renewed it in 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** a new grant has been awarded to CelebrateOne from the Franklin County Department of Jobs and Family Services for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 in the amount of \$130,784.16 to continue this work; and

**WHEREAS,** a new grant number will be assigned to this grant for purpose of financial tracking and reporting; and

**WHEREAS,** it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Office of CelebrateOne to accept and appropriate the renewal grant funds from the Franklin County Department of Jobs and Family Services; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Office of CelebrateOne is hereby authorized and directed to accept grant funds in the amount of \$130,784.16 from the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services for the Health Equity Innovation and Birth Centers Initiative for the period beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024.

**SECTION 2.** That from the unappropriated monies in the fund known as the City's General Government Grant Fund 2220, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources during the grant period, the sum of \$130,784.16 is appropriated to Grant #G402402 for the Office of CelebrateOne Department, Division No. 40-05, per the accounting codes attached to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** 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 4.** 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 5.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.