



Legislation Text

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Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer
Toledo Police Department
Lt. James Brown (x3203)
Revised

Authorizing the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$100,967.57 from the Operations Grants Fund and an amount not to exceed \$1,506.82 from the General Fund for the purchase of an Agilent Technologies gas chromatograph mass spectrometer; waiving the competitive bid requirements of Chapter 187 of the Toledo Municipal Code; and declaring an emergency.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

This Ordinance authorizes waiving the competitive bid process for the purchase of an Agilent Technologies gas chromatograph mass spectrometer (GC/MS). The Forensic Lab will use this device to process drug cases and reduce case backlogs. Funds for this purchase have been previously appropriated under separate legislation. The funds are provided by BJA grant 2021-JG-LE-1000 (ord. 184-22) \$71,560.02, Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement grant 2020-PC-NFS-7816 (ord. 148-21) \$29,407.55, and General Fund \$1,506.82. The total expenditure for the purchase of the Agilent gas chromatograph mass spectrometer is \$102,474.39.

The forensic lab has been using an Agilent GC/MS for over 18 years and all personnel are trained in its use. In addition every accredited laboratory in the State of Ohio uses Agilent GC/MS instruments. Agilent GC/MS was specifically designed for Forensic Toxicology and this is the only available mass spectrometer with technologies that provide greater spectral integrity by eliminating surface activity reactions. For these reasons, the competitive bidding requirements of Toledo Municipal Code Chapter 187 are requested to be waived.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract with Agilent Technologies for the purchase of an Agilent Technologies gas chromatograph mass spectrometer, upon terms and conditions acceptable to the Director of Police and the Director of Law.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$71,560.02, is authorized from the Operation Grants Fund Account Code 2016-52000-3G07714STDSTD and the expenditure of \$29,407.55 is authorized from the Operation Grants Fund Account Code 2016-52000-3G01436STDSTD for the purchase of an Agilent Technologies gas chromatograph mass spectrometer.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$1,506.82 is authorized from General Fund, Account Code 1001-52000-3381002STDSTD for the purchase of an Agilent Technologies gas chromatograph mass spectrometer.

SECTION 4. That this Council finds and determines it is in the best interest of the City to waive the competitive bidding requirements of Toledo Municipal Code Chapter 187 for the reason that Agilent Technologies is the sole source manufacturer of gas chromatograph mass spectrometer with technologies that

provide greater spectral integrity by eliminating surface activity reactions.

SECTION 5. That the Finance Director is authorized to draw their warrant or warrants against the above mentioned Account Codes in an amount not to exceed \$102,474.39 in payment of the obligations authorized above upon presentation of the proper voucher or vouchers.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in force and effect from and after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and property and for the further reason of increasing capacity to process drug cases.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas _____, nays _____.

Passed: _____, as an emergency measure: yeas _____, nays _____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved: _____

Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance passed by Council

_____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council