



Legislation Text

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Ohio Emergency Management Agency - ARPA First Responder Retention Grant = \$2.2m
Toledo Fire & Rescue Operations
CFO Ted Sheares (x3515)
Revised

Authorizing the Mayor to accept an ARPA First Responder Retention Grant from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency in an amount not to exceed \$2,208,000 for the City of Toledo, Department of Fire & Rescue Operations; authorizing the deposit, appropriation, and expenditure of said amount from the Operation Grants Fund; and declaring an emergency.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine recently announced that thousands of first responders across Ohio will receive incentives from the State in recognition of their dedication to public safety and their ongoing commitment to public service.

Accordingly, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency awarded the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department an ARPA First Responder Retention Grant totaling \$2,208,000 to address first responder burnout caused by understaffing and occupational stressors and to facilitate member retention by providing resources that promote personal well-being.

Subsequently, with Council's approval, these funds will be distributed to 552 eligible members according to grant guidance to promote first responder retention and well-being.

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

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is authorized to accept and deposit a grant from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency into the Operation Grants Fund Code 2016-53000-3G03002STDSTD, in an amount not to exceed \$2,208,000 to facilitate Fire and Rescue First Responder retention.

SECTION 2. That the appropriation of \$2,208,000 is authorized from the unappropriated grant proceeds of the Operation Grants Fund to Account Code 2016-53000-3G03002STDSTD, and the expenditure of same is authorized to support Fire and Rescue First Responder retention.

SECTION 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to draw warrant or warrants against the above Account Code in an amount not to exceed \$2,208,000 in payment of the above authorized obligations upon presentation of the proper voucher or vouchers.

SECTION 4. 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 public peace, health, safety, and property and for the further reason that this Ordinance must be immediately effective to facilitate and bolster activities and services that retain Toledo Fire

and Rescue personnel.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas 12, nays 0.

Passed: September 12, 2023, as an emergency measure: yeas 12, nays 0.

Attest:

Gerald E. Dendinger
Clerk of Council

Matt Cherry
President of Council

Approved:

September 12, 2023
Wade Kapszukiewicz
Mayor