



Legislation Text

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Columbus Public Health has been awarded a grant from the Ohio Department of Health originating from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to fund the COVID-19 Vaccine Grant Program for the period of January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The grant funds awarded provide for a contract with COHEAR for \$320,000.00 to drive innovative and effective efforts to pursue equity in vaccine uptake and health outcomes in vulnerable communities in Franklin County. This vendor was included in the grant application and approved for use by the Ohio Department of Health.

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any delays in providing program services.

FISCAL IMPACT: The COVID-19 Vaccine Grant Program is entirely funded by the Ohio Department of Health. This program does not generate any revenue or require a City Match.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with COHEAR to drive innovative and effective efforts to pursue equity in vaccine uptake and health outcomes in vulnerable communities in Franklin County for the COVID-19 Vaccine Grant Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$320,000.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$320,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Health has designated the Columbus Health Department as a grantee agency and fund administrator for the COVID-19 Vaccine Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, COHEAR will provide various services to meet all grant deliverables required by the Ohio Department of Health; and,

WHEREAS, this vendor was included in the grant application and approved for use by the Ohio Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into this contract for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare and to avoid any delays in providing program services to meet grant deliverables; **Now, therefore,**

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

SECTION 1. That the Board of Health is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with COHEAR to drive innovative and effective efforts to pursue equity in vaccine uptake and health outcomes in vulnerable communities for the period of June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$320,000.00.

SECTION 2. That for the contract stated above, the sum of \$320,000.00 is hereby authorized to be expended from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, according to the attached accounting document.

SECTION 3. 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 4. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all

contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance and to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that this contract is properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the City's financial records.

SECTION 5. 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.