



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Finance and Management Director to associate General Budget Reservations resulting from this ordinance with the appropriate universal term contract purchase agreement(s) on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire for the purchase of uniforms and turnout gear from Galls, LLC, and Lion First Responder PPE Inc., respectively, as required for approval by City Council in order for the division to expend more than \$100,000.00, per City Code Section 329.19(g), for the Division of Fire. These uniforms and turnout gear will provide replacement equipment for current division personnel, as well as new equipment for incoming recruits. Fire uniforms consist of such items as pants, shirts, jackets, and boots; turnout gear is used by Firefighters as protective outerwear in firefighting situations.

Bid Information: Universal term contracts/purchase agreements exist for these expenditures ~ Galls, LLC (Vendor #007478 / PA004587 / 11-30-2023) \$100,000.00; Lion First Responder PPE Inc. (Vendor #030657 / PA004183 / Exp. 9-30-2023) \$150,000.00

Emergency Designation: Public Safety is requesting this legislation be declared an emergency measure to make funding immediately available for the purchase of said fire uniforms, and turnout gear for division personnel to avoid potential supply chain delays so there is no interruption in supplies.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$250,000.00 from the Division of Fire's 2023 General Fund budget for uniforms and PPE gear for current personnel. The Division of Fire's general fund budget includes funding for uniforms, turnout gear/PPE, and SCBA equipment; \$1,500,000.00 has been encumbered via general budget reservations thus far this year for the purchase of uniforms and turnout gear. Expenditures for this PPE were approximately \$1.55M in 2022, \$1.88M in 2021, and \$1.43M in 2020.

To authorize the Finance and Management Director to associate general budget reservations resulting from this ordinance with the appropriate universal term contract purchase agreement(s), on behalf of the Division of Fire, for the purchase of uniforms from Galls, LLC, and turnout gear from Lion First Responder PPE Inc.; to authorize the expenditure of \$250,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$250,000.00)

WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase new and replacement uniforms and turnout gear for the Division of Fire; and,

WHEREAS, universal term contracts established by the Purchasing Office with Galls, LLC, and Lion First Responder PPE Inc. exist for these purchases; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to associate budget reservations with the respective purchase agreements to allow for the purchase of said uniforms and turnout gear needed by the Division of Fire in its daily operations; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to associate general budget reservations resulting from this ordinance with the appropriate universal term contract(s)/purchase agreement(s) on behalf of the Division of Fire for the purchase of uniforms and turnout gear to avoid potential supply chain delays so there is no interruption in supplies, for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Finance and Management be and is hereby authorized to associate the general budget reservations resulting from this ordinance with the appropriate universal term contract purchase agreement(s) on behalf of the Division of Fire for the purchase of uniforms from Galls, LLC., and turnout gear from Lion First Responder PPE Inc.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$250,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purchase of uniforms and turnout gear be and is hereby authorized from the General Fund, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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.

SECTION 5. That for the 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.