



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Executive Director of the Office of CelebrateOne, on behalf of the Office of the Mayor, to modify an existing contract with Nationwide Children’s Hospital, to continue a community based peer-to-peer education program for teens in Franklin County and to fund a Reproductive Health Education Coordinator who will expand teen reproductive health education in Columbus and Franklin County.

Nationwide Children's Hospital has been the lead in teen reproductive health education efforts within selected Columbus City Schools in the CelebrateOne high priority neighborhoods of Linden, Franklinton, Hilltop, Northeast, Northland, South Side, Southeast and Near East. These contracts will support the goal to improve reproductive health planning by implementing evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programming in schools.

In addition to having one of the highest infant mortality rates in the nation, Ohio ranks 23rd out of all 50 states for teenage pregnancies. Teen pregnancy is a significant contributor to pre-maturity, a leading cause of infant mortality, because pregnant teens have a higher risk for having a baby born too small or too soon.

A recent examination of the National Survey of Family Growth revealed that teens who received comprehensive sex education were 50% less likely to report a pregnancy than those who received abstinence-only education. Currently, without any state health education standards, many teens in Ohio and Franklin County do not have access to comprehensive, medically-accurate sex education.

The Office of CelebrateOne, in partnership with Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio and Nationwide Children’s Hospital, reinforces peer education by engaging youth in Columbus City Schools from the CelebrateOne neighborhoods. Peer education supports the development of healthy lifestyles and responsible choices by adolescents. Peer educators will receive training and incentives to increase their knowledge of essential, evidence-based reproductive health information, establish important leadership skills, and gain the confidence to engage their peers and larger community in vital conversations.

The original contract, PO189569, was established with Ordinance 1637-2019 which passed City Council on July 1, 2019. The first modification, PO205466, was established with Ordinance 3142-2019 which passed City Council on December 9, 2019. The second modification, PO244930, was established with Ordinance 1745-2020 which passed City Council on July 27, 2020. The third modification was authorized by Ordinance 2080-2021 passed on September 16, 2021. Additional Ordinances 3134-2021 and 3329-2021 extended the program timeline so that invoices could be paid after the original expected end date.

This ordinance will modify the existing contract by increasing the funding and continuing the program through June 30, 2023 to allow for the Reproductive Health Education Coordinator to provide health education programming through the 2022-2023 school year.

Additional Amount Being Requested: \$109,000.00

Original Contract (PO189569)	\$100,000.00
Modification 1 (PO205966)	\$55,720.00
Modification 2 (PO244930)	\$116,731.50
Modification 3 (PO300526)	\$150,000.00
<u>Modification 4 (this ordinance)</u>	<u>\$109,000.00</u>

Total Contract Amount: \$531,451.50

Vendor Information: Nationwide Children's Hospital Inc. DAX #006069, Tax ID # 31-4379441 Non-Profit

EMERGENCY ACTION: This ordinance is submitted as an emergency as to not delay continued program services and to allow the financial transactions to be posted to the City's accounting system as soon as possible.

FISCAL IMPACT: This contract modification authorizes the transfer of up to \$20,000.00 within the General Fund 1000 between the Department of Finance and Management/Financial Management Division 4501 and the Office of the Mayor/CelebrateOne, Division No. 4005 and an expenditure of up to \$109,000.00 from the General Fund 1000 by the Office of the Mayor/CelebrateOne, Division No. 4005.

To authorize the Executive Director of the Office of CelebrateOne, on behalf of the Office of the Mayor, to modify an existing contract with Nationwide Children's Hospital, Inc. for teen peer-to-peer reproductive health education in support of the CelebrateOne's goal to improve reproductive health planning in its high priority neighborhoods; to authorize the transfer of \$20,000.00 within and the expenditure of up to \$109,000.00 from the City's General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$109,000.00)

WHEREAS, Nationwide Children's Hospital has been the lead in teen reproductive health education efforts within selected Columbus City Schools in the CelebrateOne high priority neighborhoods of Linden, Franklinton, Hilltop, Northeast, Northland, South Side, Southeast and Near East; and

WHEREAS, this contract will continue to support the goal of improving reproductive health planning by implementing evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programming in schools; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes a transfer within the General Fund 1000 from the Department of Finance and Management, Financial Management Division 4501 to the Office of the Mayor/CelebrateOne, Division No. 4005 for \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$109,000.00 from the General Fund 1000, the Office of the Mayor/CelebrateOne, Division 4005; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is submitted as an emergency as to not delay continued program services and to allow the financial transactions to be posted to the City's accounting system as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Office of CelebrateOne in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Executive Director to modify and increase the contract with Nationwide Children's Hospital to continue to provide peer-to-peer teen reproductive health education without interruption, 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 Executive Director of the Office of CelebrateOne, on behalf of the Office of the Mayor, is hereby authorized to modify a contract with Nationwide Children's Hospital Inc., 700 Children's Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43205, in the amount of \$109,000.00 for the peer-to-peer reproductive health education program through June 2023.

SECTION 2. That a transfer of funds between the Department of Finance and Management, Division of Financial Management 4501 and the Office of the Mayor/CelebrateOne, Division No. 4005 within the City's General Fund 1000, is hereby authorized per the accounting codes attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$109,000.00 is hereby authorized from the General Fund 1000, the Office of the Mayor/CelebrateOne, Division No. 4005, per the accounting codes attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the monies appropriated for this expenditure shall be paid upon the order of the Office of the Mayor, and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.