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BACKGROUND: Franklin County Children Services (FCCS) has awarded a \$260,000.00 grant to Columbus Public Health (CPH) to continue the Family Ties Program. The purpose of the grant is to provide services that will reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect in Franklin County. The services that CPH will be providing to FCCS clients include: case management, Public Health Nurses, Social Workers, and Respite Workers.

In addition to the grant, Columbus Public Health is required by FCCS to contract with the National Youth Advocate Program, Inc. (NYAP) and the Buckeye Ranch, Inc., doing business as Permanent Family Solutions Network (PFSN), to provide Family Ties services. Both vendors provide assistance to FCCS with their caseload. The revenue contracts provide for up to \$8,000.00 from each vendor. CPH will bill both vendors for services provided under the revenue contracts.

These three agencies provide the referrals to Columbus Public Health and the funding for the Family Ties Program for a total award amount not to exceed \$276,000.00. This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to accept a grant from FCCS, and to enter into revenue contracts with NYAP and PFSN for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 and to authorize the appropriation of \$276,000.00.

Emergency action is required to ensure the delivery of services and to avoid any delays in the payment of services, commencing in January 2015, for the continuation of the Family Ties Program.

FISCAL IMPACT: Under this grant, CPH will provide Family Ties services to FCCS, NYAP and PFSN families. The FCCS grant will reimburse Columbus Public Health for all the salaries, fringe benefits and ancillary costs of the services provided to Family Ties families, minus revenues received from the two revenue contracts. Funds received from this grant will be deposited in the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 251.

To authorize the Board of Health to accept a \$260,000.00 grant from Franklin County Children Services for the continuation of the Family Ties Program which helps reduce child abuse and neglect; to authorize two revenue contracts with the National Youth Advocate Program, Inc. (\$8,000.00) and the Buckeye Ranch, Inc. doing business as Permanent Family Solutions Network (\$8,000.00), for a total amount not to exceed \$16,000.00; to authorize the appropriation of \$276,000.00 to the Health Department in the Health Department Grants Fund for the Family Ties Grant Program; and to declare an emergency. (\$276,000.00)

WHEREAS, \$260,000.00 in grant funds have been made available to Columbus Public Health from Franklin County Children Services for the continuation of the Family Ties Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Health wishes to initiate two \$8,000 revenue contracts, one with the National Youth Advocate Program Inc., and the other with Buckeye Ranch, doing business as Permanent Family Solutions Network, to assist both vendors with their FCCS caseloads under the Family Ties Program; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Health wishes to continue their efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect by accepting this grant; and,

WHEREAS, this ordinance is submitted as an emergency in order to continue to provide Family Ties services and to allow the financial transactions to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible because up to date financial postings promote accurate accounting and financial management; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to accept a grant from Franklin County Children's Services and to enter into revenue contracts with the National Youth Advocate Program, Inc. and the Buckeye Ranch, Inc. doing business as Permanent Family Solutions Network and to appropriate these funds to the Health Department 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 Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept a grant from Franklin County Children Services for the continuation of the Family Ties Program in an amount not to exceed \$260,000.00 for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

SECTION 2. That the Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to enter into revenue contracts for \$8,000 each with the National Youth Advocate Program, Inc. and the Buckeye Ranch, Inc., doing business as Permanent Family Solutions Network, to assist both vendors with their FCCS caseloads under the Family Ties Program in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00 for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

SECTION 3. That from the unappropriated monies in the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 251, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the twelve months ending December 31, 2015, the sum of \$276,000.00, and any eligible interest earned during the grant period, is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 50-01, as follows:

2015 Family Ties Program

OCA: 501504 Grant No. 501504 Obj. Level 01: 01 Amount \$ 267,200.00

OCA: 501504 Grant No. 501504 Obj. Level 01: 02 Amount \$ 1,000.00

OCA: 501504 Grant No. 501504 Obj. Level 01: 03 Amount \$ 7,800.00

SECTION 4. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 3 shall be paid upon the order of the Health Commissioner, 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. At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused city match monies may be transferred back to the city fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 6. 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 7. That for the 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.