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**BACKGROUND:** The Office of the Mayor has been awarded funds from The Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services to develop a community based peer to peer education program for teens in Franklin County. To complete the deliverables of the grant, CelebrateOne will contract with Planned Parenthood from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 for a total contract amount of \$150,000.00. These services were advertised through Bonfire RFQ015529 according to the bidding requirements of the City Code.

The vision of CelebrateOne is that every infant in Franklin County, regardless of race, zip code, or family income, celebrates his or her first birthday. Throughout Franklin County, too many babies, often born too small or too soon, die before reaching age one. In fact, every week in Franklin County three babies die, and tragically, African American babies are dying at two and a half times the rate of white babies.

In Franklin County, CelebrateOne is using evidenced-based practices to improve maternal and infant health with an emphasis on interventions that are collaborative and focused on eliminating preventable sleep-related infant deaths, reducing preterm births, and improving service delivery to families most impacted by health disparities. In addition to having one of the highest infant mortality rates in the nation, Ohio ranks 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 CelebrateOne Teen Reproductive Health Education Committee plans to reinforce peer education by engaging youth in after-school programs from the CelebrateOne neighborhoods with a peer education program starting Fall 2020. 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 sexual health information, establish important leadership skills, and gain the confidence to engage their peers and larger community in vital conversations.

Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio, FID: 34-1015976

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency to ensure the grant deliverables are met within the required timeline.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This contract is entirely funded by a grant award from the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services Grant G401906, General Grant Fund 2220.

To authorize the Office of the Mayor to enter into a contract with Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio to provide teen peer to peer reproductive health education and support CelebrateOne's goal to improve reproductive health planning in its high priority neighborhoods; to authorize the expenditure of \$150,000.00 from the City's General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$150,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** the Office of the Mayor has received funding from the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services to develop and implement a community based peer to peer education program for teens make informed health choices and reduce unwanted pregnancies in Franklin County ; and

**WHEREAS**, Planned Parenthood has been awarded the contract through an RFP process (RFQ015529) to recruit, train and support 50 teens to provide peer to peer reproductive education to teens in Franklin County; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract period is from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Office of the Mayor in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Mayor's Office to enter into contract with Planned Parenthood to provide peer to peer teen reproductive education, 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 Office of the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio to provide teen peer to peer reproductive health education in the City's high priority neighborhoods for the time period of July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

**SECTION 2.** That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$150,000.00 is hereby authorized from the General Grant Fund 2220, Grant G401906, Office of the Mayor, Division No. 40-01 per the accounting codes attached to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 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 4.** 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 5.** 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 6.** 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.