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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: On August 2, 2010, the Board of Health was awarded grant monies through the Ohio Department of Health, from the Centers for Disease Control, for the 2011 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Program. On March 19, 2011, the Board of Health was awarded additional grant monies for the 2011 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant / PHER Focus Area 3 Operations. These supplemental funds must be spent by July 30, 2011. The Board has identified the need for an assessment and development of a county-wide mass communication infrastructure. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize two contracts with not-for-profit agencies to assist the Board in the assessment and development of a county-wide communication infrastructure to reach licensed clients, physicians and stakeholders by using various methods of communications.

This ordinance is needed to authorize two contracts to evaluate, assess and develop a county wide mass notification infrastructure for the time period April 1, 2011 through July 30, 2011. The Columbus Medical Association (Contract Compliance No. 310679012) will increase the number of physicians notified by the mass communication system, and Battelle Memorial Institute (Contract Compliance No. 314379427) will complete an evaluation and assessment of the mass communication system. They are both not for profit organizations, and are therefore exempt from contract compliance.

Emergency action is requested because the grant providing the funds for these contracts expires on July 31, 2011, and to ensure timely payments to the Contractors.

FISCAL IMPACT: The monies for these two contracts are provided for in the 2011 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant / PHER Focus Area 3 Operations.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to enter into two contracts to assess and develop a mass communication infrastructure; to authorize the expenditure of \$172,516.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$172,516.00)

WHEREAS, the Columbus Health Department has received funding from the Ohio Department of Health for Emergency Preparedness; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Health needs to enter into two contracts for the assessment and development of a county-wide mass communication infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, these contracts are necessary per the requirements of the Ohio Department of Health, Public Health Emergency Preparedness program; and,

WHEREAS, the contract periods are April 1, 2011 through July 30, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a contract with two community agencies for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to ensure the continued operation of Emergency Preparedness Activities; 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 enter into a contract with the Columbus Medical Association and a contract with Battelle Memorial Institute for the assessment and development of a county-wide communication infrastructure for the period of April 1, 2011 through July 30, 2011.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contracts the expenditure of \$172,516.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 251, Department No. 50, Grant Number 501055, OCA 501124, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, as follows:

Columbus Medical Association	\$97,175.00
Battelle Memorial Institute	\$75,341.00

SECTION 3. That these two contracts with not-for-profit agencies are awarded in accordance with Section 329.16 of the Columbus City Code.

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that these contracts are 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 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.