



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The City of Columbus received funds for the Federal HIV grant program from the Ohio Department of Health. The Board of Health will contract with three community service agencies to provide health education and risk reduction services related to HIV/AIDS.

The Federal HIV Prevention Program enables the Board of Health to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate HIV counseling and testing/referral; partner counseling; and health education/risk reduction behavior modification programs. Services are provided to residents of Columbus and Franklin County, with special emphasis on men who have sex with men, individuals with high risk sexual contact, youth, and injection drug/substance users.

In 2004, a Request for Proposals was advertised in the City Bulletin in accordance with the City's competitive bidding requirements. Columbus AIDS Task Force, Southeast, Inc., and the Tobias Project, Inc. were awarded contracts.

Emergency action is required to ensure the continued operation of the HIV Prevention program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** These contracts are entirely funded by a grant award from the Ohio Department of Health. This grant does not generate revenue or require a City match.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into contracts with three community service agencies for the provision of health education and risk reduction services related to HIV/AIDS for the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005; to authorize the expenditure of \$303,000 from the Health Department Grants Fund to pay the costs thereof; and to declare an emergency. (\$303,000)

**WHEREAS,** the Columbus Health Department has received funding from the Ohio Department of Health for the Federal HIV Prevention grant; and,

**WHEREAS,** in order to ensure continued services provisions under the program, it is necessary to enter into contracts with three community service agencies for the provision of health education and risk reduction services related to HIV/AIDS; and,

**WHEREAS,** the contract periods are January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005; 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 three community service agencies for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to ensure the continued operation of the HIV Prevention Program; Now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Board of Health is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Columbus AIDS Task Force, Southeast, Inc., and the Tobias Project, Inc. for the provision of services under the Federal HIV Prevention program, for the period of January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

**SECTION 2.** That to pay the cost of said contracts, the expenditure of \$303,000 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 251, Department of Health, Department No. 50-01, Grant No. 505005, OCA Code 505005, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337 as follows:

Columbus AIDS Task Force	\$ 53,000
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Southeast, Inc.	\$ 32,000

Tobias Project

\$138,000

**SECTION 3.** That these contracts are awarded in accordance with Sections 329.11 and 329.14 of the Columbus City Code.

**SECTION 4.** That for 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.