



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Columbus Health Department has a need for interpretation and written translation services for clients of various clinics and programs. It is necessary that specific language interpretation and translation services be provided for central Ohio residents in order to provide quality health services. This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to enter into contracts with the Ohio Hispanic Coalition, the Somalia Community Association of Ohio, Community Refugee and Immigration Services and Propio Language Services, LLC in the amount of \$167,000 for the provision of interpretation and written translation services for the period April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008.

These contracts were competitively bid as follows: SA001547 was posted on the City web site February 9, 2005 with bid responses due February 24, 2005. An evaluation committee reviewed the responses and recommended the above four agencies as the most responsive bidders. This ordinance authorizes the third year of the original three-year bid process.

Emergency action is requested to ensure uninterrupted services for CHD clients.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for these services is budgeted in the Health Special Revenue Fund under the Minority Health Program (OCA 502062).

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into contracts with four community agencies for the provision of interpretation and written translation services for the Columbus Health Department; to authorize the expenditure of \$167,000 from the Health Special Revenue Fund to pay the cost thereof; and to declare an emergency. (\$167,000)

WHEREAS, the Columbus Health Department has a need for interpretation and written translation services for central Ohio clients utilizing various clinics and programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Hispanic Coalition, the Somalia Community Association of Ohio, Community Refugee and Immigration Services, and Propio Language Services, LLC can provide quality services as needed by the Health Department; and,

WHEREAS, emergency action is requested in order to prevent disruption of health services to central Ohio residents; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Columbus Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contracts with four community agencies for interpretation and written translation services for the 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 to enter into contracts with the Ohio Hispanic Coalition, the Somalia Community Association of Ohio, Propio Language Services, LLC, and Community Refugee and Immigration Services to provide interpretation and written translation services for various CHD programs for the period April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008.

SECTION 2. That to pay the costs of said contracts, the expenditure of \$167,000 is hereby authorized from the Health Special Revenue Fund, Fund No. 250, Department of Health, Division No. 50-01, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3445 as follows:

Ohio Hispanic Coalition	502062	\$ 45,000
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Somalia Community Association of Ohio	502062	\$ 25,000
CRIS	502062	\$ 92,000
Propio Language Services, LLC	502062	\$ 5,000

SECTION 3. That for the 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.