



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

Columbus Public Health received funds for the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) grant program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Ordinance No. 0866-2023 authorized the Board of Health to enter into a contract with The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital with targeted early intervention services, HIV testing, in emergency room and urgent care settings. Contractor's Compliance number CC-006172.

The City of Columbus's Sexual Health Promotion Division desires with this modification to diagnose, educate, and prevent the acquisition of HIV in emergency and urgent care settings with these services. These health related services are being done to promote viral suppression and overall health promotion for persons living with HIV.

These services were competitively bid through vendor services (RFQ023101) and Bonfire (Ryan White Part A and Ending the HIV Epidemic FY23) in October of 2022, according to bidding requirements of the City Code. The original contract amount was \$86,029.00 and is being increased by \$190,000.00, thus making the new contract amount of \$276,029.00. The contract modification was awarded using this sixty- Month RFQ, the contract modification is within the grant period listed in RFQ023101. The increase in award was accessed and determined from capacity and successful markers being met during the grant cycle, effectively meeting programmatic initiatives defined by grantor.

Emergency action is required to ensure the continued operation of the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) grant program. This is necessary to meet grant deliverables required by grantor and avoid risk of forfeiture of future funds.

FISCAL IMPACT: This contract is entirely funded by a grant award from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Health Department Grants Fund. This grant does not generate revenue nor require a city match.

To authorize the Board of Health to modify an existing contract with The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital for the provision of HIV testing, in emergency room and urgent care settings for the period March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024; to authorize the expenditure of \$190,000.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund to pay the costs thereof; and to declare an emergency. (\$190,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has received funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Health Department Grants Fund for the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) grant program; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure continued services provisions under the program, it is necessary to modify an existing contract with The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital. for the provision of HIV testing in emergency room and urgent care settings; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board to modify an existing contract with The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital to ensure the continued operation of the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) grant program to allow The Research

Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital to provide HIV testing in emergency room and urgent care settings, to meet deliverables required by the grantor, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, and safety; **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 modify an existing contract with The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital for the provision of HIV testing in emergency room and urgent care settings under the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) grant program, for the period of March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract modification, the expenditure of \$190,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, Department No. 50, Division 5001, per the accounting codes attached to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is here by 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.