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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to enter into a contract with the UNIK Foundation for counseling and education services in the amount of \$75,000.00. Their contract compliance number is CC-040956. These services were advertised through Bonfire (RFQ026136) according to bidding requirements of the City Code. There were two proposals submitted and UNIK foundation received the highest score from the scoring team.

UNIK Foundation will provide culturally sensitive, trauma responsive generalized counseling for families and individuals within the City of Columbus. Clients that will be referred include anyone that NSS program staff encounter in their daily work and includes but is not limited to individuals/ families that: have been displaced due to housing conditions, family conflict, and personal mental health needs.

Emergency action is requested in order to not delay the start date of December 1, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$75,000.00 is budgeted in the Health Operating Fund for counseling and education services.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into contract with the UNIK Foundation for counseling and education services the period of December 1, 2023 through December 1, 2024; to authorize the expenditure of \$75,000.00 from the Health Operating Fund to pay the costs thereof; and to declare an emergency. (\$75,000.00).

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has a need for counseling and education services; and

WHEREAS, The UNIK Foundation has the expertise required; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists and that it is immediately necessary to contract with UNIK Foundation for counseling and education services all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, and safety, and to ensure a start date of December 1, 2023, and because the previous contract in place for counseling services ended September 2023 and it is necessary to establish a new contract as soon as possible; **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 contract with UNIK Foundation in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the period of December 1, 2023 through December 1, 2024;

SECTION 2. That to pay the costs of said contract, the expenditure of \$75,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Operating Fund.

SECTION 3. That this contract is in compliance with Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Codes.

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 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.