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Legislation Text

File #: 0769-2023, **Version:** 1

BACKGROUND:

This ordinance authorizes the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into the second year of a four-year contract (pursuant to bid proposal number RFQ020758) with Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC, for competency evaluations and examinations of the mental health status of certain defendants that come before the Court.

There were 316 vendors solicited of that there were 2 - WBE, 3 - EBE, and, 4 - MBE vendors. There was only one response and award.

Legislation 1616-2022 for \$220,000 - Year One

Legislation 0769-2023 for \$250,000 - Year Two

Contract Compliance Number: Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC 20-0982368.

EMERGENCY: Emergency legislation is requested to authorize the contract and the expenditure to permit evaluations to continue without interruption of each and every affected defendant, and for the protection of their constitutional rights.

FISCAL IMPACT: The amount of \$250,000.00 is budgeted and available for this purpose within the Franklin County Municipal Court's 2023 general fund appropriations.

To authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into the second year of a contract with Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC, for the provision of competency evaluations and examinations of defendants; to authorize the expenditure of up to an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$250,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge to enter into the second year of a four-year contract with Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC to secure the continued provision of competency evaluations and examinations of each and every affected defendant, and for the protection of their constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of up to \$250,000.00 are budgeted and available within the Franklin County Municipal Court's 2023 appropriations for this contract; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Franklin County Municipal Court in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge to enter into said contract and authorize the expenditures to Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC so that the court can continue uninterrupted payments to the vendor, and for the preservation of the public health, peace, safety, and welfare; now, therefore;

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

SECTION 1. That the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby

authorized to enter into the second year of a four-year contract with Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC for the provision of competency evaluations and examination of defendants.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$250,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized from the Franklin County Municipal Court.

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 for the reasons 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.