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**BACKGROUND:** Columbus Public Health received funds for the Implementing Enhanced HIV Prevention and Surveillance for Health Departments to End the HIV Epidemic in Ohio grant program from the Ohio Department of Health. The Implementing Enhanced HIV Prevention and Surveillance for Health Departments to End the HIV Epidemic in Ohio grant program will contract with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center to provide HIV screening services at emergency departments and urgent care sites associated with The Ohio State University.

Columbus Public Health (CPH) is participating in the Implementing Enhanced HIV Prevention and Surveillance for Health Departments to End the HIV Epidemic in Ohio grant program. The purpose of this grant is to create “Disruptive Innovation” by seeking to prevent new HIV infections by focusing on four (4) pillars: treating HIV to achieve viral suppression, diagnose HIV so that all persons know their HIV status, prevent infections through PrEP and syringe support programs and respond to HIV clusters or outbreaks within the community. This grant specifically focuses on the diagnoses and prevent pillars.

Emergency action is required to ensure the continued operation of the Implementing Enhanced HIV Prevention and Surveillance for Health Departments to End the HIV Epidemic in Ohio grant program and meet grant deliverables required by the grantor to avoid CPH being at risk for forfeiture of funds.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This contract is entirely funded by a grant award from the Ohio Department of Health. This grant does not generate revenue nor require a city match.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into contract with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center for HIV screening services at emergency departments and urgent care sites associated with The Ohio State University for the period June 15, 2023 through July 31, 2023; to authorize the expenditure of \$62,500.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund to pay the costs thereof; and to declare an emergency. (\$62,500.00)

**WHEREAS,** Columbus Public Health has received funding from the Ohio Department of Health for the Implementing Enhanced HIV Prevention and Surveillance for Health Departments to End the HIV Epidemic in Ohio grant program; and

**WHEREAS,** in order to ensure continued services provisions under the program, it is necessary to enter into a contract with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center for HIV screening services at emergency departments and urgent care sites associated with The Ohio State University; and

**WHEREAS,** the contract period is June 15, 2023 through July 31, 2023; 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 enter into a contract with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to ensure the continued operation of the Implementing Enhanced HIV Prevention and Surveillance for Health Departments to End the HIV Epidemic in Ohio grant program. Emergency action is needed to avoid potential risk of forfeiture of funds; **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 The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center for HIV screening services under the Implementing Enhanced HIV Prevention and Surveillance for Health Departments to End the HIV Epidemic in Ohio grant program, for the period of June 15, 2023 through July 31, 2023.

**SECTION 2.** That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$62,500.00 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 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.