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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

This ordinance authorizes the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges to engage in the second year of a three year contract, which includes an optional fourth year, for foreign language services in the Municipal Court building at 375 S. High St. with Community Refugee and Immigration Services, Inc. (CRIS). Formal bid SA005114 was done and closed on September 30, 2013.

The court is also going to contract with Access 2 Interpreters, LLC, Asist Translation Services, Inc., Columbus Bar Interpreting Services and Ohio Translation Services, LLC. CRIS will be the primary, followed by the vendor that can provide certified or qualified interpreters. This decision was based on hourly rates.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE NUMBER: CRIS 31-1674893 expires 2/26/16

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this contract are budgeted and available within the Municipal Court 2015 general fund appropriations.

To authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into contract with CRIS for language interpreter services for the Franklin County Municipal Court; to authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$75,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Franklin County Municipal Court provide foreign language interpreter services for non-English speaking persons that may come before the Court; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into contract with CRIS to provide interpreter services so that the Court may continue to provide language interpreter services without interruption; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the city, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into contract and authorize the expenditure with CRIS for provision of foreign language interpreter services, thereby preserving 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 Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with CRIS for foreign language interpreter services to the Franklin County Municipal Court for the period ending October 31, 2015.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$75,000.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized from the Franklin County Municipal Court, department number 2501, general fund, fund number 010, oca 250191 , object level 1 - 03, object level 3 - 3445.

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.