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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Through the Ryan White Part A Grant, funds are available for housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS. This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to enter into contract with AIDS Resource Center Ohio for the provision of housing services for people living with HIV/AIDS. This ordinance waives competitive bidding provisions of the City Code.

AIDS Resource Center Ohio currently provides housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS in the Central Ohio Region and is the only agency to provide this service. The service is Funded primarily through the CPH funded Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) contract and a Community Shelter Board (CSB) funded Shelter Plus Care contract. Due to the insufficient resources within the HOPWA and CSB contracts housed residents are at risk of losing their housing and special populations of HIV-positive people are not able to access the HOPWA or CSB housing. In order to alleviate this situation the Ryan White Part A Grant will provide funding for case management for the households that are currently housed and immediately make available housing for the underserved special populations.

AIDS Resource Center Ohio's contract compliance No. is 311126780 and expires 11/30/14.

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any delays in providing program services.

FISCAL IMPACT: The funds needed for this contract are budgeted and available within the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund 251.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into contract with AIDS Resource Center Ohio for the provision of housing service for the period of June 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014; to authorize the expenditure of \$400,000.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund, to waive the provisions of competitive bidding; and to declare an emergency. (\$400,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has received funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, for the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, in order to provide needed housing services, it is necessary to enter into contract with AIDS Resource Center Ohio for the provision of housing services for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families; and,

WHEREAS, the contract period is June 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to avoid any delay in client services; 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 enter into contract with AIDS Resource Center Ohio for the provision of housing services for persons living with HIV/AIDS, for the period of June 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$400,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 251, Grant No. 501314, Department of Health, Department No. 50-01, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337.

SECTION 3. That the provisions of Sections 329.13 and 329.14 of the Columbus City Code are hereby waived.

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 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.