



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to modify the existing contract with Lutheran Social Services to provide the delivery of Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) services. Columbus Public Health has been awarded grant funding from the Ohio Department of Health. This grant award originates from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, for the Implementing Enhanced HIV Prevention and Surveillance for Health Departments to End the HIV Epidemic in Ohio grant program, referenced in Ordinance 2072-2023 and contingent on Ordinance 1064-2024.

These services include, but not limited to, Housing Services, Emergency Financial Assistance, and Client Transportation to support at-risk clients who test HIV negative to access PrEP services, for the period of November 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for a new total contract amount of \$89,500.00. Lutheran Social Services (CC-006115) is a not for profit agency and is exempt from bidding according to bidding requirements of the City Code 329.30.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency in order to ensure that quality Ending the Epidemic (EHE) services continue to be available to eligible EHE clients, to ensure timely payment to providers, and for Lutheran Social Services to be able to continue offering Ending the HIV Epidemic services to their existing work which aligns with grant deliverables.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This contract is fully funded by the Implementing Enhanced HIV Prevention and Surveillance for Health Departments to End the HIV Epidemic in Ohio grant program and does not generate any revenue or require a city match.

To authorize the Board of Health to modify an existing contract with Lutheran Social Services for the Implementing Enhanced HIV Prevention and Surveillance for Health Departments to End the HIV Epidemic in Ohio grant program for the provision of services allowable under the grant for eligible clients for the period November 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024, to authorize the expenditure of \$40,000.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$40,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has a need to modify an existing contract with Lutheran Social Services for the provision of services allowable under the grant for eligible EHE clients for the period of November 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024 ; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Social Services has the expertise; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board of Health to modify a contract with Lutheran Social Services in order to ensure continuity of services for Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) clients, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and **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 modification with Lutheran Social Services, for a total amount not to exceed \$89,500.00, for Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) related services for eligible EHE Clients, for the period of November 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$40,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, object class 03 per the attached accounting document.

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 necessary to ensure that this contract is properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the city's financial records.

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.