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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Board of Health has been awarded grant funds from the Ohio Department of Health to fund the Child and Family Health Services (CFHS) Women's Health Services program for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The grant funds awarded provide for a contract with CityMatCH/University of Nebraska Medical Center to provide for leadership for the Ohio Institute for Equity in Birth Outcomes.

The Ohio Equity Institute (OEI) is a 3-year collaborative of key partners, promoting the work of local public health departments (LHDs) in Ohio and their multi-sector, community partners. The OEI will assist participating LHDs and their stakeholders in developing plans, tools, and strategies for implementing non-clinical or a combination of clinical and non-clinical interventions to reduce disparities in infant mortality and birth outcomes into practice. The OEI will provide in-person, Equity Institute Trainings (EITs) as well as distance-based trainings, one-to-one technical assistance and site visits to ensure that teams gain both knowledge and skills needed for success. Over the course of this 3-year project, Columbus Public Health (CPH) will select, implement and evaluate initiatives to (1) improve birth outcomes in vulnerable populations (e.g., racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, etc.), and (2) improve the evidence-base needed to eliminate disparities in birth outcomes. CPH will focus efforts in the Southside of Columbus.

The contract compliance number for CityMatCH/University of Nebraska Medical Center is 47-0049123. They are a not-for-profit, therefore, this contract was awarded in compliance with Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Code. Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any delays in providing program services.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this expenditure is budgeted in the Health Department Grants Fund.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to enter into a contract with CityMatCH/University of Nebraska Medical Center for the provision of leadership services for the Ohio Institute for Equity in Birth Outcomes; to authorize the expenditure of \$35,000.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund; to waive the provisions for competitive bidding; and to declare an emergency. (\$35,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has a need for CityMatCH/University of Nebraska Medical Center to provide leadership services for the Ohio Institute for Equity in Birth Outcomes for the Child and Family Health Services program for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and,

WHEREAS, CityMatCH/University of Nebraska Medical Center has the expertise to provide such services for the Child and Family Health Services Program; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to enter into this contract for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to avoid any delays in providing 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 a contract with CityMatCH/University of Nebraska Medical Center to provide leadership services for the Ohio Institute for Equity in Birth Outcomes for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$35,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 251, Department of Health, Department No. 50, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3351, as follows:

Grant No. 501337, OCA Code 501337, Amount: \$15,000.00

Grant No. 508001, OCA Code 500066, Amount: \$20,000.00

SECTION 3. That the provisions of Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Code are hereby met.

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.