



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to accept and appropriate \$602,606.00 in additional grant funds, from the Ohio Department of Health, for the HIV Prevention grant program. These additional funds makes a new grant total amount of \$2,148,860.00. Also this ordinance authorizes a five-month time extension for a new grant period of January 01, 2023 to May 31, 2024.

The HIV Prevention Grant program enables Columbus Public Health to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate HIV counseling and testing/referral; partner counseling; and health education/risk reduction behavior modification programs. Services are provided to residents of Columbus and Franklin County, with special emphasis on men who have sex with men, individuals with high risk sexual contact, youth, and injection drug/substance users.

This ordinance also authorizes the Board of Health to enter into contracts with the following four (4) vendors on the HIV Prevention grant. Columbus Public Health is entering into these contracts using funds from the Ohio Department of Health address the HIV epidemic and other health disparities in local under-served communities. Columbus Public Health has a need to enter into these contracts with the additional funds to continue the implementation, support, and completion of necessary services for the betterment of these communities. All contract terms below are from January 1, 2024 end date of May 31, 2024.

Contract amounts are as followed:

AIDS Healthcare Foundation (CC-010938): \$134,734.00

Equitas Health (CC-004721): \$142,910.00

Central Outreach Wellness Center (CC-043135): \$15,700.00

Knupp, Watson, & Wallman, Inc. (CC-029262): \$147,318.30

TOTAL CONTRACTS: \$440,662.30

FISCAL IMPACT: The HIV Prevention grant program is entirely funded by the Ohio Department of Health and does not generate revenue or require a City Match (\$602,606.00).

To authorize the Board of Health to accept and appropriate \$602,606.00 in additional grant funds from the Ohio Department of Health for the HIV Prevention grant for a new grant total amount of \$2,148,860.00, to authorize a five month grant extension with a new grant period of January 01, 2023 to May 31, 2024; to enter into contracts with Aids Healthcare Foundation, Equitas Health, Central Outreach Wellness Center, and Knupp, Watson, & Wallman, Inc.; and to authorize the expenditure of \$440,662.30 from the Health Department Grants Fund to pay the costs thereof and to declare an emergency. (\$602,606.00)

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has a need to authorize a five-month extension from the Ohio Department of Health for the HIV Prevention grant program for a new grant period of January 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to accept and appropriate additional funds from the Ohio Department of Health for the support of the HIV Prevention grant program in an amount not to exceed 602,606.00 ; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has a need to enter into contracts with Aids Healthcare Foundation, Equitas Health,

Central Outreach Wellness Center and Knupp, Watson, & Wallman Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$440,662.30 with all contract terms with a start date of January 1, 2024 to an end date of May 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to allow the City Auditor to transfer appropriations between object classes and grant numbers for the HIV Prevention grant program as needed upon request by the Columbus Public Health department.; and

WHEREAS, the City may receive additional funds awarded from the Ohio Department of Health for the support of the HIV Prevention grant program; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is submitted as an emergency to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible. Up to date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and allows Columbus Public Health to promptly meet deliverables required by grantor and limit risk of forfeiture of future funds; and, **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 accept additional funds in the amount of \$602,606.00, and authorize a five-month extension from the Ohio Department of Health for the HIV Prevention grant for a new grant period of January 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the Health Department's Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources during the grant period, the sum of \$602,606.00 and any eligible interest earned during the grant period is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 5001, **upon receipt of an executed grant agreement.**

SECTION 3. That the Board of Health is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with Aids Healthcare Foundation, Equitas Health, Central Outreach Wellness Center, and Knupp, Watson, & Wallman, Inc. for a total amount not to exceed \$440,662.30. All contract terms have a start date of January 1, 2024 to a end date of May 31, 2024.

SECTION 4. That these contract modifications are in compliance with Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code.

SECTION 5. Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 6. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between object classes and grant numbers for the HIV Prevention grant program as needed upon request by the Columbus Public Health department.

SECTION 7. That the Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to accept any additional grant awards from the Ohio Department of for the HIV Prevention grant program for the period January 01, 2023 to May 31, 2024

SECTION 8. 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.