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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City of Columbus received funding for the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. This grant requires Columbus Public Health to assure quality medical care to eligible persons living with HIV or AIDS in central Ohio (Franklin, Licking, Delaware, Morrow, Union, Madison, Pickaway and Fairfield counties). The Board of Health will contract with Equitas Health in the amount of \$1,311,159.00 to provide HIV-related somatic medical care and medical case management services. The term of this contract will be March 1, 2017, through February 28, 2018.

The purpose of the HIV Care Part A grant program is to improve access to medical care for persons living with HIV or AIDS living in Central Ohio. The goal is that each client will achieve viral suppression, which improves their quality of life and reduces the risk of spreading the infection.

These services were advertised through vendor services (SA005686) in December, 2014, according to bidding requirements of the City Code.

The contract compliance number for Equitas Health is 004721 and it expires 02/17/18.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency in order to ensure that quality medical care is available to eligible persons living with HIV/AIDS, and to ensure timely payment to providers.

FISCAL IMPACT: This contract is entirely funded by a grant award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. This ordinance is contingent on the passage of Ordinance No. 0451-2017 that authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of these grant monies.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into contract with Equitas Health for the provision of HIV-related somatic medical care and medical case management services for persons living with HIV or AIDS in Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Pickaway, and Union counties; to authorize the expenditure of \$1,311,159.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund to pay the costs thereof; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,311,159.00)

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, it is necessary to enter into contract with Equitas Health for the provision of HIV-related somatic medical care and medical case management to persons living with HIV or AIDS in Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Pickaway, and Union counties; and,

WHEREAS, the contract period for this service is March 1, 2017, through February 28, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a contract with various community medical providers for the immediate preservation of 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 Board of Health is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Equitas Health in the amount of \$1,311,159.00 for the provision of HIV-related somatic medical care and medical case management services to persons living with HIV or AIDS in Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Pickaway, and Union counties, for the period of March 1, 2017, through February 28, 2018.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$1,311,159.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 2251, Health Department Grants Fund in object class 03 Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That this contract is awarded in accordance with Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code.

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.