



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The Columbus Health Department was awarded \$1,641,923 in grant monies from the Ohio Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control for the 2007 Public Health Infrastructure program. Of this award, the Franklin County Board of Health received a \$480,500 contract. The contract was modified and increased \$28,631 for pandemic flu planning services for a total contract amount of \$509,131 in April 2007. This ordinance is needed to modify a contract with the Franklin County Board of Health for \$15,000 for the time period ending August 30, 2007. This contract modification will fund a Health Alert Network that will benefit the entire central Ohio area.

**Why couldn't the need for the additional services be foreseen when the contract was originally awarded?** The National Notification Network was demonstrated to us very recently and meets the deliverables requirement of the grant with respect to notifying key community groups in the event of a public health outbreak, e.g., hospitals, schools, etc. This system gives us the ability to contact these groups to get health alert news out immediately.

**Why would it not be in the City's best interest to have the additional contract requirement awarded through competitive bidding?** The contract is being awarded in accordance with the requirements of the Ohio Department of Health, i.e., it is population based and the Franklin County Board of Health is specified by the Ohio Department of Health to receive these monies.

**How was the price for the additional goods or services determined?** Columbus Health Department personnel along with Franklin County Board of Health personnel determined the dollars to be allocated in the central Ohio region to fund the health alert network. The Ohio Department of Health recently approved the budget revision to provide the funding.

**What is the additional amount to be expended under the modification?**

The contract is to be modified as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Modified Amount</u>
Franklin Co. BOH	\$480,500.00	\$28,631.00	\$509,131.00
Franklin Co. BOH	\$509,131.00	\$15,000.00	\$524,131.00

Emergency action is requested to provide for this contract modification so the health alert network can be established by the grant ending date of August 30, 2007.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The funds to modify and increase this contract are budgeted in the Health Department Grants Fund, Public Health Infrastructure Grant, Fund 251.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to modify and increase a contract for a health alert network with the Franklin County Board of Health, to authorize the expenditure of \$15,000.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$15,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** \$15,000 in additional grant funds have been made available through the approval by the Ohio Department of Health of a recent budget revision to establish a health alert network for the period ending August 30, 2007; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to modify and increase a contract with the Franklin County Board of Health to establish the health alert network; and,

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to modify a contract with the Franklin County Board of Health 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 modify and increase a contract (DL-012932) with the Franklin County Board of Health.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$15,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 251, Health Department, Division 50-01, Grant Number 507045, OCA 507045, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337.

**SECTION 3.** That this modification is in compliance with Section 329.16 of the Columbus City Code.

**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 the 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.