



Legislation Text

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..Explanation

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Board of Health to enter into contracts with Ohio Health, Nationwide Children's Hospital, and Mt. Carmel Hospital, all of which are non-profit organizations, for evidence based home visiting model services for an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00. Columbus Public Health has a need to expand evidence based home visiting services in the community. These services will be provided throughout Franklin County. The contract period is from August 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

The contracts will be allocated as follows:

Mt. Carmel Hospital	31-1113966	\$150,000.00
Ohio Health	31-4394942	\$150,000.00
Nationwide Children's Hospital	31-4379441	\$300,000.00

Eligible women will receive home visiting services through an evidence-based model, either Nurse Family Partnership or Healthy Families America. Evidence-based home visiting encourages early prenatal and well-baby care, as well as parenting education to promote the comprehensive health and development of women, children, and families. Evidence-based home visiting models help to assure a high level of quality home visiting services to accomplish the following goals: improve maternal and infant/child health; prevent child abuse and neglect; encourage positive parenting; promote child development and school readiness. Evidence-based home visiting programs have been shown to have longitudinal, generational benefits for families and communities. Increasing the numbers of women who have access to evidence-based home visiting in Franklin County, specifically focusing on women and children at greatest risk, is one of the community's strategies to reduce maternal and infant mortality and reduce health and social inequities.

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any delays in providing evidence based home visiting services to clients in need.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$600,000.00 is needed in the Health Special Revenue Fund for the expanded evidence based home visiting model services. Transfers of funding will be required in order to accomodate this expense.

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To authorize and direct the Board of Health to enter into various contracts for evidence based home visiting model services; to authorize a transfer of appropriation within and to the Health Special Revenue Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$600,000.00 from the Health Special Revenue Fund for said contracts; and to declare an emergency (\$600,000.00).

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WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has a need to expand evidence based home visiting services throughout Franklin County; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio Health, Mt. Carmel Hospital, and Nationwide Children's Hospital, are all non profit organizations that can provide said services and have the expertise required to manage the clients who need an evidence based home visiting model service; and,

WHEREAS, Ohio Health, Mt. Carmel Hospital and Nationwide Children's Hospital, are all non profit organizations that follow Chapter 329 of City Code; and,

WHEREAS, a transfer of cash and appropriation within and to the Health Special Revenue Fund is needed; 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 contract with Ohio Health, Mt. Carmel Hospital, and Nationwide Children's Hospital for evidence based home visiting model services for the immediate preservation of 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 and directed to enter into the following contracts for evidence based home visiting model services for the period of August 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

Mt. Carmel Hospital	31-1113966	\$150,000.00
Ohio Health	31-4394942	\$150,000.00
Nationwide Children's Hospital	31-4379441	\$300,000.00

SECTION 2. That a transfer of cash and appropriation within and to the Health Special Revenue is authorized per the accounting codes attached to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That, to pay the costs of said contract, the expenditure of \$600,000.00 is hereby authorized from Health Special Revenue Fund, Fund No. 2250, per the accounting codes attached to this ordinance.

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 the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance and 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 6. 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.