



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City of Columbus received funds for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The HOPWA program provides for the implementation of long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of low income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Eligible activities include providing housing information services; resource identification; acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion, lease, and repair of facilities to provide housing and services; new construction of housing units; project or tenant-based rental assistance; short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments; supportive services; technical assistance and administrative support. The Board of Health will contract with Equitas Health to provide these services.

Equitas Health (Contract Compliance No. 311126780) submitted a proposal during an RFP process completed in August, 2019 (RFQ012772). This contract is for the second year of a five year contract period. This agency is a nonprofit organization and is therefore exempt from certification.

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any delays in providing program services.

FISCAL IMPACT: This contract is entirely funded by grant awards from HUD. This grant does not generate revenue nor require a City match.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Equitas Health for the provision of eligible HOPWA services for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; to authorize the expenditure of \$187,882.00 from the General Government Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$187,882.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has received funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the implementation of comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of persons with HIV/AIDS under the HOPWA program; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure continued service provisions under the program, it is necessary to enter into a contract with Equitas Health for the provision of housing services for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board of Health enter into this contract for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to avoid any delay in client 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 Equitas Health for the provision of services under the HOPWA program, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$187,882.00 is hereby authorized from the General

Government Grants Fund, Fund No. 2220, Department No. 50, Division No. 5001, Object Class 03, Main Account 63050, Program HE004, Section 3 500111, Section 4 HE22, Project No. G502027 (HOPWA - 2020 Grant)

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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.

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.