



Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Public Safety Director to modify the existing contract with U S Corrections LLC, DBA Prisoner Transport Services. This modification seeks to increase additional funds needed for transportation services. This service allows the Division of Police to extradite fugitives back to Columbus that are entered into the LEADS system. This company is the only vendor found to be able to extradite individuals from all over the Country. The Wellness Bureau has looked into additional vendors but have only found vendors who would work regionally, thus requiring several contracts to cover the Country. Therefore, a bid waiver has been requested to deem this service as manifestly impractical to bid.

Contract Compliance - CC035197, and are in the process of renewing.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$35,000.00 from the General Fund for prisoner transport services, to return fugitives to Columbus. The total amount spent on this service in 2020 was \$40,000.00. The total amount spent on this in 2019 was \$35,000.00. And finally, the total amount spent on this system in 2018 was \$25,000.00.

To authorize and direct the Public Safety Director to enter into contract modification with U S Corrections LLC for the transportation of fugitives back to Columbus; to waive competitive bidding requirements of City Code; and to authorize the expenditure of \$35,000.00 from the General Fund. (\$35,000.00)

WHEREAS, the division has a need to extradite fugitives as they often leave the area and are arrested in other parts of the country. They are then held for extradition back to Columbus; and,

WHEREAS, the vendor has been found to have the necessary experience and expertise to provide said service; therefore, it is in the City's best interest to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Chapter 329 of the City Code to enter into this modification; and,

WHEREAS, this ordinance seeks to modify the existing contract and increase the funds for the recovery of fugitives that have been held by other jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, funds of \$35,000.00 are available for this contract modification in the 2021 General Fund budget; and,

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, to authorize the Director of Public Safety to enter into contract modification with U S Corrections LLC for the extradition of fugitives, for the 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 Public Safety Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract modification with U S Corrections LLC for services of extradition of fugitives back to Columbus, Ohio

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$35,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in the General Fund 1000 in object class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That this Council finds it is in the City's best interests to waive the competitive bidding provisions of City Code to enter into this contract.

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 account 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 this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.