



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to modify the existing contract with The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital to provide HIV-related somatic and outpatient/ambulatory medical care, medical and non-medical case management services, medical transportation, mental health services, housing services, emergency financial assistance, and to add Early Intervention Services for the Ryan White Part A HIV Care Grant program for the period of March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for a new total contract amount of \$703,986.00

These services were advertised through vendor services RFQ023101 on October 10, 2022. The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital is a not for profit agency.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency in order to ensure that quality medical care continues to be available to eligible persons living with HIV/AIDS and to ensure timely payment to providers and for NCH to be able to add Early Intervention services to their existing work, which is required by the funder.

FISCAL IMPACT: This contract is fully funded by the Ryan White Part A grant program and does not generate any revenue or require a city match.

To authorize the Board of Health to modify an existing contract with The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital for the Ryan White Part A HIV Care Grant Program for the provision of services allowable under the grant for persons with HIV or AIDS in central Ohio and the addition of Early Intervention services for the period of March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024, to authorize the expenditure of \$250,000.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$250,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has a need to modify an existing contract with The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital for the provision of services allowable under the grant for persons with HIV or AIDS in central Ohio and to add Early Intervention Services for the period of March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital has the expertise; 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 modify a contract with The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital in order to ensure continuity of services for Ryan White Part A HIV Care clients and to be able to add grant required Early Intervention Services 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 a contract modification with The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, for a total amount not to exceed 703,968.00, for HIV-related services to persons with HIV or AIDS in central Ohio, for the period of March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$250,000.00, or so much thereof as may be

needed, is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, object class 03 per the attached accounting document.

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 necessary to ensure that this contract is properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the city's financial records.

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.