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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to enter into an initial contract with qualified vendor, LifeCare Alliance, for the provision of food bank and home delivered meals for eligible Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program recipients. The contract period with this vendor is March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

The City of Columbus, Columbus Public Health, receives funding for the Ryan White Part A HIV Care Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), per Ordinance 2450-2023. The purpose of this grant is to improve access to quality medical care for persons with HIV or AIDS living in Central Ohio (Franklin, Licking, Delaware, Morrow, Union, Madison, Pickaway, and Fairfield counties). The goal is that each client will achieve viral suppression, which improves their quality of life and reduces the risk of spreading the infection.

Throughout the fiscal year, Columbus Public Health monitors spending by all Ryan White Part A HIV Care Grant providers and makes necessary adjustments for service reallocation, per grant service category to service clients in Central Ohio. These said services are measured by need in the community, in conjunction with Ryan White Part A HIV Care Grant initiatives and program capacity. Any services or goods provided in concurrence with this contract are based on a client service count to assist Columbus Public Health in meeting grant deliverables outlined by grantor. LifeCare Alliance is a not for profit agency and is exempt from bidding according to bidding requirements of the City Code 329.30.

LifeCare Alliance CC-006078: \$200,000.00

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.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This contract will entered into by Columbus Public Health with LifeCare Alliance, which meets federal requirements related to services allowable under the Ryan White Part A HIV Care Grant Program as well as comply with bidding requirements of the City Code. This ordinance will authorize one ACPO in the amount of \$200,000.00 to encumber funds using available grant appropriations for contracts with vendors.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with LifeCare Alliance 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; to authorize the expenditure of \$200,000.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund to pay the costs thereof; and to declare an emergency. (\$200,000.00)

WHEREAS, the city receives funding totaling \$3,359,181.00 for the Ryan White Part A HIV Care Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), which

requires Columbus Public Health (CPH) to assure quality medical care to eligible persons living with HIV or AIDS in Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to allow the Board of Health to enter into a contract for services; and,

WHEREAS, \$200,000.00 in additional funds are needed for the continued provision of HIV-related support services and any other service allowable under the Grant for a sum total of contracts not to exceed \$200,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Health will contract with LifeCare Alliance who will provide supporting HIV-related services to meet all grant deliverables required by the Grant; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board of Health to enter into contracts 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, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and **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 with LifeCare Alliance for a total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for HIV-related support services to persons with HIV or AIDS in central Ohio, for the period of March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$200,000.00, 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 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.