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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

This ordinance authorizes the appropriations and expense of \$210,000 and authorizes the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into contract with Fairfield Information Services DBA American Court Services (ACS) for monitoring services associated with the use of secure continuous remote alcohol monitor (SCRAM) devices. The SCRAM unit is a non-invasive, tamper-resistant, transdermal monitoring device that measures blood alcohol concentration automatically, 24 hours a day, regardless of the individual's location. Alcohol Monitoring Systems holds many patents on the continuous alcohol monitoring device and Fairfield Information Services is the only local vendor authorized to provide monitoring services.

The Franklin County Municipal Court purchased 40 SCRAM devices with monies from its indigent driver alcohol treatment fund for the purpose of monitoring offenders with alcohol dependency issues that are sentenced to use a SCRAM unit as a condition of probation. The continued use of the SCRAM devices necessitates monitoring services, which is provided by ACS. The devices were purchased from Alcohol Monitoring Services and they have named ACS as a sole provider of monitoring service. As a consequence, this contract is entered into pursuant to City Code Section 329.07(e) so that the Court can enter into contract with ACS for alcohol monitoring services.

Fairfield Information Services DBA American Court Services contract compliance number is 31-1751856 and expires on 8/11/16.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds are available within the 2014 indigent driver interlock fund for this purpose.

Emergency legislation is requested to appropriate and authorize the court to enter into contract and the expenditure to continue monitoring services.

To authorize appropriations and direct the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into contract with ACS for monitoring services associated with the continuous alcohol monitoring devices to authorize the expenditure of up to \$210,000.00 for monitoring services; and to declare an emergency. (\$210,000.00)

WHEREAS, an appropriation of these funds is necessary in order to continue monitoring probationers; and

WHEREAS, ordinance # 1568-2007 was passed by Columbus City Council on November 5, 2007 authorizing the contract and expenditure for acquisition of continuous alcohol monitoring devices and related monitoring services for the Franklin County Municipal Court, Department of Probation Services; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Municipal Court is in need of additional monitoring services from ACS, the sole provider of the services; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is requested as an emergency to permit the timely procurement of needed services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the city, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize this contract with ACS for continuous alcohol monitoring services, thereby preserving 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 sum of \$210,000 be and is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated balance of the special revenue fund, fund 227, subfund 004, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources unappropriated for any other purposes during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, to the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges, department number 2501, oca code 25714, as follows: object level 1 - 03, object level 3 -3336.

SECTION 2. That monies appropriated in Section 1 shall be paid upon the order of the Administrative and Presiding Judge, and that no order shall be drawn or paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 3. That the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with ACS for monitoring services associated with the Court's continuous alcohol monitoring equipment through the period ending February 28, 2015.

SECTION 4. That the expenditure of \$210,000 or as much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized from the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges, department number 2501, indigent driver alcohol treatment fund, fund number 227, subfund 004 as follows: \$200,000 from oca 252714, object level 1 - 03, object level 3 - 3336.

SECTION 5. That for the reasons stated, this contract is entered into pursuant to the Sole Source provisions in Section 329.07(e) of the City Code.

SECTION 6. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.