



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Columbus Health Department provides Chlamydia and gonorrhea testing for patients of the STD Clinic and various other clinics in the City of Columbus. The Columbus Health Department uses a highly effective DNA probe test kit for Chlamydia and gonorrhea testing. The DNA probe test kit has higher sensitivity, specificity, and transportability characteristics than other types of testing methods. Gen-Probe is the sole provider of the DNA probe test kit, which is the only FDA approved test kit available in the United States.

The Columbus Health Department, as a public health agency, receives discounted pricing for these DNA Probe test kits.

Emergency action is requested to ensure a sufficient supply of test kits for testing of patients of various clinics.

Gen-Probe's contract compliance number is 330044608.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this purchase is budgeted in the 2005 Health Special Revenue Fund and the Health Department Grants Fund.

To authorize the Director of Finance to establish a purchase order with Gen-Probe for the purchase of Chlamydia and gonorrhea test kits for the Columbus Health Department in accordance with sole source provisions; to authorize the expenditure of \$100,000 from the Health Special Revenue Fund and the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$100,000)

WHEREAS, the Columbus Health Department provides Chlamydia and gonorrhea testing for patients of the STD Clinic and various other clinics in the City of Columbus; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Health Department is in need of DNA test kits to provide the Chlamydia and gonorrhea testing; and,

WHEREAS, Gen-Probe is the sole supplier of DNA probe test kits; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Columbus Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a contract with Gen-Probe for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to ensure a sufficient supply of test kits for testing of patients of various clinics; Now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to establish a purchase order with Gen-Probe for the purchase of Chlamydia and gonorrhea test kits.

SECTION 2. That the total expenditure of \$85,000 is hereby authorized from the Health Special Revenue Fund, Fund No. 250, Department of Health, Department No. 50, Object Level One 02, Object Level Three 2293, OCA Code 502054.

SECTION 3. That the total expenditure of \$15,000 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 251, Department of Health, Department No. 50, Object Level One 02, Object Level Three 2293, OCA Code 505003, Grant Number 505003.

SECTION 4. That this purchase is in accordance with the provisions of the Columbus City Code, Section 329.07(e), "Sole Source Procurement."

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.