



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health (CPH) desires to continue the Family Ties Program with a revenue contract with Franklin County Children's Services (FCCS). The purpose of the continued revenue contract is to provide services that will reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect in Franklin County. The services that CPH will be providing to FCCS clients include: case management, Public Health Nurses, Social Workers, and Respite Workers.

In addition to the revenue contract with FCCS, Columbus Public Health is required by FCCS to contract with the National Youth Advocate Program, Inc. (NYAP) and the Buckeye Ranch, Inc., doing business as Permanent Family Solutions Network (PFSN), to provide Family Ties services. Both vendors provide assistance to FCCS with their caseload. The revenue contract for PFSN will not exceed \$35,000.00 and the revenue contract with NYAP will not exceed \$10,000.00. CPH will bill both vendors for services provided under the revenue contracts.

These three agencies provide the referrals to Columbus Public Health and the funding for the Family Ties Program for a total award amount not to exceed \$320,000.00. This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to continue revenue contracts with FCCS, NYAP and PFSN for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and to authorize the appropriation of \$320,000.00.

In 2016 through the third quarter, we have enrolled 62 children and 48 have successfully completed the Family Ties Program.

Emergency action is required to ensure the delivery of services and to avoid any delays in the payment of services, commencing in January 2017, for the continuation of the Family Ties Program.

FISCAL IMPACT: Under these revenue contracts, CPH will provide Family Ties services to FCCS, NYAP and PFSN families. The FCCS revenue contract will reimburse Columbus Public Health for all the salaries, fringe benefits and ancillary costs of the services provided to Family Ties families, minus revenues received from NYAP and PFSN. Funds received will be deposited in the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into revenue contracts with Franklin County Children Services (\$275,000.00), National Youth Advocate Program, Inc. (\$10,000.00) and the Buckeye Ranch, Inc., doing business as Permanent Family Solutions Network (\$35,000.00) for the continuation of the Family Ties Program which helps reduce child abuse and neglect; to authorize the appropriation of \$320,000.00 to the Health Department in the Health Department Grants Fund for the Family Ties Program; and to declare an emergency. (\$320,000.00)

WHEREAS, \$320,000.00 in revenue contracts have been made available to Columbus Public Health from Franklin County Children Services, National Youth Advocate Program, Inc., and Buckeye Ranch, Inc., doing business as Permanent Family Solutions Network for the continuation of the Family Ties Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Health wishes to continue their efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect by continuing these contracts; and,

WHEREAS, this ordinance is submitted as an emergency in order to continue to provide Family Ties services and to allow the financial transactions to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible because up to date financial postings promote accurate accounting and financial management; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to continue a revenue contract with Franklin County Children's Services, National Youth Advocate Program, Inc. and the Buckeye Ranch, Inc. doing business as Permanent Family Solutions Network and to appropriate these funds to the Health Department to avoid any delays in the payment of services, commencing in January 2017, for the continuation of the Family Ties Program 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 and directed to enter into revenue contracts for \$275,000.00 with Franklin County Children Services, \$10,000.00 with National Youth Advocate Program, Inc. and \$35,000.00 with the Buckeye Ranch, Inc., doing business as Permanent Family Solutions Network, for the continuation of the Family Ties Program in an amount not to exceed \$320,000.00 for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources during the twelve months ending December 31, 2017, the sum of \$320,000.00, is hereby appropriated to the Health Department, Division No. 50-01, per the accounting codes attached to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Health Commissioner, and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 4. At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused city match monies may be transferred back to the city fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant agreements.

SECTION 5. 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 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.