



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Access HealthColumbus, doing business as Healthcare Collaborative of Greater Columbus, for the coordination of improvement activities with local federally qualified health centers and other community-based organizations to benefit those most vulnerable in Greater Columbus. This contract is for the period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, and is for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. Access HealthColumbus is a broad based, non-profit community partnership whose mission is to improve access to health care in Franklin County, particularly for the most vulnerable persons, *by convening public-private partners and coordinating innovative solutions*. This contract is designed to address three improvement activities: 1) convening and hosting a Navigator & Certified Application Counselor Learning Group, 2) convening and hosting a FQHC Senior Leadership Group, and 3) improving the coordination of care across the medical neighborhood.

Access HealthColumbus (Contract Compliance No. 510426050) is a not-for-profit organization and therefore is exempt from Contract Compliance certification.

Emergency action is requested to avoid delays in the implementation of these services.

FISCAL IMPACT: Monies for this contract were made available in the 2014 budget for the Health Special Revenue Fund.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Access HealthColumbus for the coordination of efforts to improve primary care services in the community, to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000.00 from the Health Special Revenue Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$25,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has a need for the coordination of efforts to improve primary care services for Columbus residents in medically underserved areas; and,

WHEREAS, the Access HealthColumbus, doing business as Healthcare Collaborative of Greater Columbus, has the necessary experience and expertise to provide said service; and,

WHEREAS, this contract will provide funding to Access HealthColumbus for an improvement of primary care services in three needed activities; and,

WHEREAS, emergency action is requested to avoid delays in the implementation of needed services; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to contract with Access HealthColumbus to allow services to proceed without delay and 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 a contract with Access HealthColumbus for an improvement of primary care services for residents in medically underserved areas, for the period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

SECTION 2. That to pay the costs of said contract, the expenditure of \$25,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Special Revenue Fund, Fund No. 250, Department of Health, Division No. 50-01, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3337, OCA Code 500207.

SECTION 3. This contract is being awarded in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code dealing with awarding not-for-profit service contracts exceeding \$20,000.00.

SECTION 4. 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 5. That for 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.