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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health (CPH) has collaborated with Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. (CNHC) to implement a Bridge Care Program. This program will provide for the services of a CNHC employed Advanced Practice Nurse (APN). Patients will be referred to the Bridge Care Program primarily by the four CPH clinics for primary care needs. The APN will be responsible for the management and care of the referred patients. Formal bids were not solicited; therefore, this ordinance waives competitive bidding provisions. CNHC is the community-based, private not-for-profit organization providing primary health care services to medically indigent patients at various neighborhood health centers and has had a cooperative relationship with Columbus Public Health since its organization. This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc., in the amount of $65,000.00 for the period of November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015. The contractor's contract compliance number is 311533908.

Emergency action is requested in order to provide these services for clients of the Bridge Care Program in a timely manner.

FISCAL IMPACT: $65,000.00 is budgeted in the Health Special Revenue Fund for Bridge Care services for CPH.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc., for APN services for the collaborative Bridge Care Program, to authorize the expenditure of $65,000.00 from the Health Special Revenue Fund to pay the costs thereof, to waive provisions of competitive bidding, and to declare an emergency. ($65,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has a need for Advanced Practice Nurse services for the Bridge Care Program; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc., can provide Advanced Practice Nurses who have the expertise required for this program; and,

WHEREAS, this ordinance is submitted as an emergency in order to provide these services for clients of the Bridge Care program in a timely manner; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to contract with Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc., for APN services 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 Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc., for Advanced Practice Nurse services for the collaborative Bridge Care Program, for the period of November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015.

SECTION 2. That to pay the costs of said contract, the expenditure of $65,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Special Revenue Fund, Fund No. 250, Department of Health, Division No. 50-01 as follows: OCA: 503219; Obj. Level

01: 03; Obj. Level 03: 3337; Amount: $65,000.00.

SECTION 3. That this Council finds it in the best interests of the City to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code.

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.

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