

Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** Columbus Public Health is constantly looking at new ways to impact the rates of infant mortality through our daily work. As a result, we have launched a new partnership of Columbus Public Health, The Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. (CNHC) and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center to provide comprehensive, ongoing care for the families we serve. This partnership integrates services and coordinates our efforts to better serve women before they become pregnant, during their pregnancies, at birth, and after delivery in order to improve their health, and ultimately, the health of their babies. As part of this partnership, Columbus Public Health will underwrite the \$30.00 copay for all patients provided services under this new partnership. This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. (CNHC) to provide fee reimbursement for Board identified OB clients, for a total amount of \$56,000.00, for the period of July 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016. This ordinance waives competitive bidding provisions of the City Code. CNHC's Contract Compliance No. is 311533908.

Emergency action is requested in order to ensure timely payments to the Contractor.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for this contract is budgeted in the 2015 Health Department Grants Fund. This ordinance is contingent on Ordinance No. 1769-2015.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. to provide fee reimbursement for Board identified OB clients; to authorize the expenditure of \$56,000.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of City Code; and to declare an emergency. (\$56,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Board has a need for women's health services; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. has the necessary experience and expertise to provide said services; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code in order to contract with CNHC; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a contract with CNHC to avoid delays in client services, 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 to enter into a contract with Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. for the provision of fee reimbursement for Board identified OB clients from July 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$56,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health

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Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 251, Department of Health, Department No. 50-01, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3351, Grant No. TBD, OCA No. TBD.

**SECTION 3.** That this Council find it in the City's best interest 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 the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** 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.