



Legislation Text

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Ordinance number 0653-2016, approved by City Council on March 21, 2016, authorized the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Equitas Health, formerly AIDS Resource Center Ohio Medical Center, in the amount of \$259,568.00 for behavioral health services to assure quality mental health services to eligible persons living with HIV or AIDS in central Ohio (Franklin, Licking, Delaware, Morrow, Union, Madison, Pickaway and Fairfield counties) for the contract period of March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.

In 2015 The Ryan White Part A program for the Central Ohio area served nearly 2,400 people living with HIV through several programs including outpatient/ambulatory medical care, mental health services, medical case management, early intervention services, housing services, non-medical case management, emergency financial assistance and medical transportation.

This ordinance is needed to modify and increase contract PO005683 in the amount of \$64,892.000 for the total contract amount not to exceed \$324,460.00 with Equitas Health.

This modification will provide additional funding for Equitas Health for the provision of behavioral health services. These services were advertised through vendor services (SA006124) in November, 2015 according to bidding requirements of the City Code.

This modification is necessary because the supplemental grant award was not known until the end of May, making it necessary to add additional funding in a later ordinance. The modification amount was determined based on negotiations with the vendor and data from the previous year.

The contract compliance number information is as follows:
Equitas Health, 004721, 2/17/18.

Emergency action is requested to provide for this contract modification in order to ensure timely payments to the contractor.

FISCAL IMPACT: The funds needed to modify and increase this contract with Equitas Health are budgeted within the Health Department Grants Fund.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to modify and increase an existing contract for behavioral health services with Equitas Health; to authorize the expenditure of \$64,892.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$64,892.00)

WHEREAS, \$64,892.00 in additional funds are needed for the continued provision of outpatient ambulatory and medical case management services for Equitas Health; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify and increase contract PO005683 with Equitas Health for these services; and,

WHEREAS, this ordinance is being submitted as an emergency measure so that timely payment for HIV Care services can proceed without interruption; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately

necessary to modify the contract with Equitas Health 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 modify and increase contract PO005683 with Equitas Health, by adding an additional \$64,892.00 to the contract for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$324,460.00.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$64,892.00 is hereby authorized in Fund 2251, Health Department Grants Fund in object class 03 Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That this modification is in compliance with 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 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.