



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health provides laboratory testing of medical specimens generated by various programs within Columbus Public Health. Labcorp of America has been providing these services since 2008. This ordinance will authorize funding of \$22,000.00 for the period of February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018. This vendor provides laboratory results to our proprietary software system NextGen through a customization of our electronic health record. Utilizing another vendor would be a long term effort resulting in unnecessary development costs and therefore, it is in the best interest of the City to waive competitive bidding.

The Clinical Health Division serves approximately 12,000 clients per year. Of these clients, roughly 30% are underinsured and 40% are uninsured. This contract with Lab Corp will provide Laboratory Services for these underserved clients in the Clinical Health Division for laboratory tests that are not performed in - house. No one is denied services based upon their inability to pay.

Emergency action is requested to ensure continued testing services for Columbus Public Health patients.

The Contract Compliance number is 133757370.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$22,000.00 is budgeted in the 2017 Health Special Revenue Fund and the 2017 Health Department Grants Fund to provide funding for this contract. This ordinance is contingent on passage of Ordinance Nos. 2863-2016 and 3293-2016.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with LabCorp of America to provide laboratory testing services for various Columbus Public Health programs; to authorize the expenditure of \$22,000.00 from the Health Special Revenue Fund and the Health Department Grants Fund to pay the costs thereof; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of City Code; and to declare an emergency. (\$22,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has a need for lab testing services; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code in order to contract with LabCorp of America for these services; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to enter into this contract as soon as possible in order to continue to provide the necessary lab testing services to Columbus Public Health clients; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a contract with LabCorp of America for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to ensure continued testing services; 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 LabCorp of America for laboratory testing of medical specimens for various programs of Columbus Public Health for the period of February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$13,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Special Revenue Fund, Fund No. 2250, Department of Health, Department No. 50, Division No. 5001 as follows:

Object Class 03, Main Account 63050, Program HE004, Section 3 500110, Section 4 HE18, Amount: \$6,000.00

Object Class 03, Main Account 63050, Program HE004, Section 3 500110, Section 4 HE20, Amount: \$7,000.00

SECTION 3. That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$9,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, Department of Health, Department No. 50, Division No. 5001 as follows:

Object Class 03, Main Account 63050, Project No. G501637, Program HE004, Section 3 500110, Section 4 HE36, Amount: \$9,000.00

SECTION 4. That this Council finds it in the City's best interest to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code.

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 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.