



## Legislation Text

---

**File #:** 0336-2017, **Version:** 1

---

### **BACKGROUND**

This ordinance authorizes the Franklin County Municipal Court Administrative and Presiding Judge to enter into contract with Richland County Community Alternative Center (RCCAC), a government agency, and authorizes the expenditure of up to \$60,000 from the Municipal Court indigent driver alcohol treatment fund for in-patient chemical dependency treatment for indigent OVI and NON-OVI offenders.

RCCAC is a government program and is licensed by the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS), and possesses the necessary level of expertise to provide the treatment services and the Court has a need for an OMHAS certified treatment program. RCCAC has no post control felons at their location which increases the safety of the Municipal Court probationers. The facility is a renovated hospital and the sheriff's office therefore provides better security. This program can accommodate women probationers and they will transport all probationers to and from the program and the court.

This contract is being awarded per City Code 329.30, not-for-profit service contracts. The City of Columbus does not have a facility or the necessary licensed employees to provide these services.

Richland County CAC contract compliance is 34-6002296

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funds are available within the 2017 IDAT fund for this purpose, pending the approval of the 2017 IDAT appropriations (0328-2017).

**EMERGENCY:** This legislation is considered an emergency measure to ensure the proper and timely treatment of probationers.

To authorize and direct the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into contract with Richland County Community Alternative Center (RCCAC) under Columbus City Codes 329.30; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$60,000.00 with RCCAC for in-patient chemical dependency treatment for OVI and NON-OVI offenders from the indigent driver alcohol treatment fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$60,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** RCCAC is a government program that is licensed by the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) and possesses the necessary level of expertise to provide the treatment services needed by the Franklin County Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS,** the Court has determined that it is in its best interest to enter into contract with RCCAC pursuant to City Code Chapter 329 for non-profit service contracts; and

**WHEREAS,** \$60,000 is needed to provide for services during the period through March 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Franklin County Municipal Court in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge to enter into contract and authorize the expenditure for in-patient chemical dependency treatment with RCCAC to permit the timely procurement of needed

services, thereby preserving 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 Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract, pursuant to City Code 329.30, with Richland County Community Alternative Center for long-term, in-patient residential chemical dependency treatment for the period ending March 31, 2018.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$60,000 or as much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized from the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges' indigent driver alcohol treatment fund according to the account codes in the attachment.

**SECTION 3.** That for the 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.