

Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Through the Ryan White Part A Grant, funds are available for social support services for persons with HIV/AIDS. This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to enter into contract in the amount of \$510,933.80 with Southeast, Inc. for the provision of housing services, case management and emergency financial assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS in Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Pickaway, and Union counties. The term of this contract will be March 1, 2017, through February 28, 2018.

The purpose of the HIV Care Part A grant program is to improve access to medical care for persons living with HIV or AIDS living in Central Ohio. The goal is that each client will achieve viral suppression, which improves their quality of life and reduces the risk of spreading the infection.

Southeast Inc.'s contract compliance No. is 004491 and expires on 03/11/2018.

These services were advertised through vendor services (SA006124) in November/December, 2015 according to bidding requirements of the City Code.

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any delays in providing program services, and to ensure timely payment to this provider.

FISCAL IMPACT: This contract is entirely funded by a grant award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. This ordinance is contingent on the passage of Ordinance No. 0451-2017 that authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of these grant monies.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into contract with Southeast, Inc. for the provision of social support services for the Ryan White Part A HIV care grant program; to authorize the expenditure of \$510,933.80 from the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$510,933.80)

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has received funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, for the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide needed housing and emergency financial assistance services, it is necessary to enter into contract with Southeast, Inc. for the provision of these services for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families in Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Pickaway, and Union counties; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is March 1, 2017, through February 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board to enter into contract with Southeast, Inc. in order to avoid any delay in client 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 contract with Southeast, Inc. in the amount of \$510,933.80 for the provision of social support services for persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families in Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Pickaway, and Union counties, for the period of March 1, 2017, through February 28, 2018.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$510,933.80 or so much thereof as may be needed, 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 contract is awarded in accordance 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.