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Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes a grant agreement between Columbus Public Health and Equitas Health in support of the organization's services in the King-Lincoln neighborhood and their Greater Columbus MPowerment Center.

Equitas Health has recently expanded their medical and dental clinic services to the King-Lincoln neighborhood with the opening of their new facility at 750 E. Long Street. This facility will provide critical primary care services to the residents of the neighborhood and will contribute greatly to overall community health. It is the desire of this Council to support the work of Equitas in an area of the city that will benefit greatly from the provision of health care services. To that end, this Council will direct support to Equitas Health with a grant of \$100,000 for medical and dental services at the King-Lincoln facility.

In addition, the Greater Columbus MPowerment Center operated by Equitas Health seeks to address the prevalence of HIV and AIDS in the minority community through programming that provides a community space and social support for male minority residents. The MPowerment Center is committed to eliminating new infections among minority residents ages 13 to 29 by empowering them to make healthier choices. This Council will direct support to the MPowerment Center with the provision of a grant for \$50,000.

Fiscal Impact: Funding is available within the Special Income Tax fund.

Emergency action is requested in order to more rapidly provide resources to Equitas Health in support of their community health efforts in the King-Lincoln neighborhood.

To authorize Columbus Public Health to enter into a grant agreement with Equitas Health in support of the King-Lincoln Medical Center and the Greater Columbus MPowerment Center; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure within the Special Income Tax fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$150,000.00)

WHEREAS, Equitas Health is an organization committed to improving neighborhood health through the provision of primary care services, behavioral health services, HIV/STI prevention services, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Equitas Health has furthered their commitment to neighborhood health with the opening of the King-Lincoln Medical Center at 750 East Long Street in the King-Lincoln Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the King-Lincoln Medical Center will be an integral provider of medical and dental services to the residents of the King-Lincoln neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Equitas Health also operates the Greater Columbus Empowerment Center, which is at the forefront of HIV/STI prevention in the minority community; and

WHEREAS, this Council deems it an appropriate use of funds to provide a grant in support of the King-Lincoln Medical Center and the Greater Columbus Mpowerment Center; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into an agreement with Equitas Health in order to avoid any delay in providing the organization with supportive resources; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Columbus Public Health is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with Equitas Health in support of the King-Lincoln Medical Center and the Greater Columbus Mpowerment Center in an amount of \$150,000.00.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$150,000.00 in the Special Income Tax fund, fund 4430, subfund 443001, to Columbus Public Health, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$150,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the actions authorized in SECTION 1, is hereby authorized in the Special Income Tax fund, fund 4430, subfund 443001, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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SECTION 4. 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 legislation.

SECTION 5. That for the 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 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.