



Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes the Mayor's Office to modify a contract with St. Stephen's Community House for community health worker program services related to the CelebrateOne program. The initial contract was authorized pursuant to ordinance number 0860-2016, and was approved by City Council on May 2, 2016. This initial contract was authorized by Columbus Public Health to enter into a contract with St. Stephen's Community House in the amount of \$77,586.67 to support the implementation of the CelebrateOne Community Connector Corps Project in the Linden Community for the period of February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017.

This contract was later modified pursuant to Ordinance number 3377-2016, approved by City Council on January 23, 2017, for the purpose of extending the time period of the contract from January 31, 2017 to October 31, 2017. This ordinance seeks authority to modify the existing contract to extend the term from October 31, 2017 to December 31, 2017 and provide additional funding for program services. This modification is necessary to continue work in the Linden and Near East Community.

It should be noted that pursuant to Ordinance 0982-2017, CelebrateOne personnel and programmatic funding were transferred from Columbus Public Health to the Mayor's Office. Therefore, while the original contract was authorized under the direction of Columbus Public Health, this contract, along with all previously issued CelebrateOne contracts are now administered by the Mayor's Office.

Every year in Franklin County, approximately 150 babies die before their first birthday. While national infant mortality rates are decreasing, in 2014, Ohio ranked 12th worst in the nation for overall infant mortality. The CelebrateOne program is an initiative designed to help provide the community support services and funding needed to reverse this trend.

St. Stephen's Community House (Contract Compliance No. 314379568) is a nonprofit organization and therefore exempt from Contract Compliance certification.

Emergency action is requested for this contract modification in order to ensure that the work on reducing infant mortality is not interrupted.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this contract modification with St. Stephen's Community House are budgeted within the City's Private Grants Fund.

To authorize and direct the Mayor's Office to modify an existing contract with St. Stephen's Community House to allow continued work in the reduction of infant mortality in the Linden and Near East Community through December 31, 2017; to authorize the expenditure of \$18,412.00 from the City's Private Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$18,412.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify contract PO060055 with St. Stephen's Community House to support the implementation of the CelebrateOne Community Connector Corps Project in the Linden Community by extending these services; and

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

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the CelebrateOne program in that it is immediately necessary to modify the contract with St. Stephen's Community House 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 Mayor's Office is hereby authorized to modify, by extending the time period and contract amount, contract number PO060055 with St. Stephen's Community House through December 31, 2017.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$18,412.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary in regard to the action authorized in SECTION 1, is hereby authorized in the City's Private Grants Fund 2291 in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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 4. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that these contracts are properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the city's financial records.

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