



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health has maintained a revenue contract with Franklin County Children Services (FCCS) for the provision of nursing services to children under their care by assigning public health nurses to the FCCS Intake and Investigation Department. These public health nurses will perform health assessments of children, make home visits with Intake staff, provide nursing consultation and training, interpret medical reports, and help develop treatment plans for families referred to FCCS.

The Board of Health desires to continue this relationship with FCCS with assisting their efforts in assessing children at risk. This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to continue in this revenue contract with FCCS for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 and to authorize the appropriation of \$1,755,000.00.

Child abuse affects more than three million children annually and causes the deaths of three children every day. Preventing and reporting child abuse is one of the most important things a community can do for its children. Franklin County Children Services receives more than 30,000 reports of child abuse each year and serves more than 30,000 children and their families. In 2016, a total of 31,639 intake referrals were received and 11,818 family investigations completed.

Emergency action is required to ensure the delivery of services and to avoid any delays in the payment of nursing services for Franklin County Children Services.

FISCAL IMPACT: Under this revenue contract, FCCS will receive the services of public health nurses from Columbus Public Health. FCCS will reimburse Columbus Public Health for the salaries, fringe benefits and ancillary costs of the nurses assigned to FCCS. Funds received from this grant will be deposited in the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251.

To authorize the Board of Health to extend a revenue contract with Franklin County Children Services for the provision of public health nursing services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,755,000.00; to authorize the appropriation of \$1,755,000.00 to the Health Department in the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,755,000.00)

WHEREAS, Franklin County Children Services has a need for nursing services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health wishes to continue their efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health seeks to continue a revenue contract with FCCS for \$1,755,000.00 for the provision of nursing services to children under their care by assigning public health nurses to the FCCS Intake and Investigation Department; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is submitted as an emergency to continue to provide public health nurses to FCCS starting on January 1, 2018 so as to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible because up to date financial postings promote accurate accounting and financial management; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately

necessary to accept a grant from Franklin County Children's Services and to appropriate these funds to the Health Department 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 extend a revenue contract with Franklin County Children Services for the provision of nursing services in an amount not to exceed \$1,755,000.00 for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

SECTION 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources during the thirty-six month period ending December 31, 2020, the sum of \$1,755,000.00 is hereby appropriated upon receipt of an executed revenue agreement to the Health Department, Division No. 50-01, per the accounting codes attached to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon the order of the Health Commissioner, and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

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 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.