



Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes the City of Columbus Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the Division of Fire (CDF), to establish a two-year contract for services with Franklin County Family and Children First Council, to span December 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020. Services rendered through this contract will enhance and expand services provided by the Rapid Response Emergency Addiction and Crisis Team (RREACT) to meet the needs of children and family members present at the site of overdose and/or impacted by drug use in the home. Franklin County Family and Children First Council will:

- § Provide rapid response intervention services for children and/or family members who witness a parent or loved one suffer an overdose. Services are designed to help individuals work through traumatic incidents and develop strategies for managing impact of trauma going forward.
- § Provide immediate and long-term support, resources, and services to children and families impacted by overdose.
- § Provide case management and service coordination for children and families accessing multiple systems.
- § Provide Trauma Informed Care training to first responders, victim service providers, and child protective services professionals.
- § Guide development of Trauma Informed Care protocols for first responders to follow when interacting with children affected by overdose and/or by substance use in the home.

Franklin County Family and Children First Council is the only Franklin County-based agency that offers the unique combination of services required by RREACT. Services include, but are not limited to:

- § Use of validated tools to assess mental health and behavioral health.
- § Provision of trauma screening, trauma counseling, and trauma case planning.
- § Provision of comprehensive case planning and service/care coordination for children and families accessing (or needing to access) multiple systems.
- § Facilitation of Trauma Informed Care (TIC) trainings and TIC coaching for educators, service providers, and frontline public safety staff (i.e. EMS, firefighters and police).

Fiscal Impact: Funds to support contracted services were awarded to the City of Columbus Department of Public Safety on behalf of the Division of Fire through a U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program grant. This legislation is contingent on the passage of ordinance 2883-2018, which accepts and appropriates the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program grant funds.

Emergency action is requested to allow the Division of Fire to immediately implement enhanced case management and trauma support services through RREACT.

..Title

To authorize the Director of Public Safety, on behalf of the Division of Fire, to establish a sole source contract with Franklin County Family and Children First Council to provide enhanced case management and trauma supports for

children and family members impacted by opioid abuse/opioid overdose; to authorize the expenditure of \$378,000.00 in U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs grant funds from the Columbus Division of Fire to Franklin County Family and Children First Council; and to declare an emergency. (\$378,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Columbus Division of Fire's RREACT outreach program has received a grant to expand case management and trauma support services available to children and family members impacted by opioid abuse/opioid overdose; and,

WHEREAS, grant funds were awarded to the City of Columbus Department of Public Safety to work with an outside vendor to integrate child/family case management and trauma support services into existing RREACT outreach services; and,

WHEREAS, Franklin County Family and Children First Council is the only vendor in Franklin County that offers the unique combination of services required to fulfill this role on the RREACT team; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a sole source contract with Franklin County Family and Children First Council as quickly as possible to allow the Division of Fire to immediately implement enhanced case management and trauma support services; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the department to enter into a contract for services and establish a purchase order with Franklin County Family and Children First Council to immediately implement enhanced case management and trauma support services through RREACT, 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 Director of the Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the Division of Fire, is hereby authorized to enter into a sole source contract and establish a purchase order with the Franklin County Family and Children First Council.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$378,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary in regard to the action authorized in SECTION 1, be and is hereby authorized according to the attached accounting document.

SECTION 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated.

SECTION 4. That the monies in the foregoing SECTION 2 shall be paid upon order of the Columbus Division of Fire Fiscal Manager 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 5. 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 ordinance.

SECTION 6. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 7. That the establishment of this sole source contract is authorized pursuant to Columbus City Code, Chapter 329.

SECTION 8. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, 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.