BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health received funds for the Federal HIV Prevention grant program from the Ohio Department of Health. Columbus Public Health will contract with AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) for HIV Testing and Screening services to persons at highest risk of HIV infection at Out of The Closet, and other community based testing sites. All negatives that are at highest risk of HIV shall be referred to PrEP. All HIV positive cases shall be referred to medical care, as well as CPH's Prevention Services.

The Federal HIV Prevention Program enables Columbus Public Health to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate HIV counseling and testing/referral; partner counseling; and health education/risk reduction behavior modification programs. Services are provided to residents of Franklin County and other regional counties, with special emphasis on men who have sex with men, individuals with high risk sexual contact, youth, and injection drug/substance users.

Services for this contract were advertised through the RFQ process (RFQ010590) in November, 2018. AHF (Contract Compliance No. 95-4112121) will be awarded a contract for $70,000. This contractor is a nonprofit organization and exempt from contract compliance certification.

Emergency action is required to ensure the continued operation of the HIV Prevention grant program.

FISCAL IMPACT: This contract is entirely funded by a grant award from the Ohio Department of Health. This grant does not generate revenue nor require a city match.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into contract with AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) for the provision of HIV Testing and Screening services for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019; to authorize the expenditure of $70,000.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund to pay the costs thereof; and to declare an emergency. ($70,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has received funding from the Ohio Department of Health for the Federal HIV Prevention grant program; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure continued service provisions under the program, it is necessary to enter into a contract with AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) for the provision of HIV Testing and Screening services; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board to enter into a contract with AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to ensure the continued operation of the HIV Prevention Program; Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the Board of Health is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) for the provision of services under the Federal HIV Prevention grant program, for the period of January 1, 2019

through December 31, 2019.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of $70,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, Department No. 50, Division 5001, per the accounting codes attached 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 to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

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.

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