



Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes the Finance and Management Director, on behalf of the Fleet Management Division, to establish purchase orders with Statewide Ford Lincoln, Inc. for the purchase of two (2) Ford Explorers for use by the Department of Public Safety in support of the Rapid Response Emergency Addiction and Crisis Team (RREACT) program. These purchase orders for vehicle purchases will be issued from Universal Term Contracts (UTCs) that have been previously established by the City of Columbus Purchasing Office. This ordinance also seeks authority to appropriate \$65,884.00 within the Public Safety Initiatives sub-fund for the purchase of these vehicles.

The RREACT program began in 2017 as a partnership between the Columbus Division of Fire EMS, the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County, and Southeast Inc. in order to provide rapid response and follow-up services to those residents who have overdosed on opiates and similar drugs. The team responds immediately following an EMS run in which an overdose victim is revived and stable for transport. The Columbus Division of Police has also partnered with RREACT.

Currently, the program has a need for larger vehicles, as the current vehicle used is too compact to transport the members of the RREACT team, the resident(s) needing services, and possible friends or family members that may accompany them. Columbus City Council is providing funding through the Public Safety Initiatives sub-fund to purchase two larger sport utility vehicles so that the RREACT team can carry out their duties in the most effective manner.

Emergency action is requested to ensure that the Division of Fire has the ability to most effectively execute activities in the RREACT program to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Columbus.

Fiscal Impact: Funding in the amount of \$65,884.00 is available within the Public Safety Initiatives sub-fund.

To authorize the Finance and Management Director, on behalf of the Fleet Management Division, to establish purchase orders from Universal Term Contracts with Statewide Ford Lincoln, Inc. for the purchase of two (2) Ford Explorers in support of the Rapid Response Emergency Addiction and Crisis Team (RREACT) program; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure of \$65,884.00 within the Public Safety Initiatives sub-fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$65,884.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council actively partners with City agencies and external stakeholders to address opiate addiction; and,

WHEREAS, the Rapid Response Emergency Addiction and Crisis Team (RREACT) program was created to provide follow-up services to those residents suffering from addiction; and,

WHEREAS, RREACT is in need of larger vehicles to most effectively execute its program and serve the residents in need; and,

WHEREAS, \$65,884.00 is available in the Public Safety Initiative sub-fund for appropriation to provide for two (2) Ford Explorers; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Finance and Management Director, on behalf of the Fleet Management

Division, to establish purchase orders from Universal Term Contracts with Statewide Ford Lincoln, Inc. for the purchase of said vehicles; 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 purchase these vehicles to address the Rapid Response Emergency Addiction and Crisis Team (RREACT) program needs, 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 Finance and Management Director, on behalf of the Fleet Management Division, is hereby authorized to establish purchase orders from previously established Universal Term Contracts for the acquisition of two (2) Ford Explorers for use by the Department of Public Safety in support of the Rapid Response Emergency Addiction and Crisis Team (RREACT) program, with the following vendor(s):

Statewide Ford Lincoln, Inc. vendor#006832, PA003232

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$65,884.00 in the Public Safety Initiatives sub-fund, fund 1000, sub-fund 100016, to the Department of Finance and Management, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$65,884.00 or so much thereof as may be needed for the purpose of acquiring and placing into service two (2) additional vehicles for the RREACT program, is hereby authorized in the Public Safety Initiatives sub-fund, fund 1000, sub-fund 100016 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the monies in the foregoing Sections shall be paid upon order of the Director of Finance and Management, 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 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 6. 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 7: That for 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.