



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City of Columbus received funds for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The HOPWA program provides for the implementation of long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of low income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Eligible activities include providing housing information services; resource identification; acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion, lease, and repair of facilities to provide housing and services; new construction of housing units; project or tenant-based rental assistance; short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments; supportive services; technical assistance and administrative support. The Board of Health will contract with Jewish Family Services to provide supportive employment services. Supportive Employment Services provides employment support for HIV positive HOPWA TBRA clients, identified for participation, to acquire and maintain employment. The long-term goal of this service is for clients to acquire and/or strengthen their skills to become successful in the workplace, increase their financial stability, which will result in graduation from housing subsidy assistance provided through HOPWA-TBRA.

Jewish Family Services (Contract Compliance No. 314379497) submitted a proposal during an RFP process completed in March, 2019 (RFQ011614). This contract is for the first year of a three year contract period. This agency is a nonprofit organization and is therefore exempt from certification.

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any delays in providing program services.

FISCAL IMPACT: This contract is entirely funded by grant awards from HUD. This grant does not generate revenue or require a City match.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Jewish Family Services for the provision of eligible HOPWA Supportive Employment services for the period of April 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019; to authorize the expenditure of \$100,000.00 from the General Government Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$100,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has received funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the implementation of comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing and employment needs of persons with HIV/AIDS under the HOPWA program; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure continued service provisions under the program, it is necessary to enter into a contract with a community agency for the provision of supportive employment services for persons with HIV/AIDS; and

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

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board to enter into a contract with Jewish Family Services in order to avoid any delays in providing program services for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to avoid any delay in client services; 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 Jewish Family Services for the provision of supportive employment services under the HOPWA program, for the period of April 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contracts, the expenditure of \$100,000.00 is hereby authorized from the General Government Grants Fund, Fund No. 2220, Department No. 50, Division No. 5001, Object Class 03, Main Account 63050, Program HE004, Section 3 500111, Section 4 HE22, Project No. G501800 (HOPWA - 2018 Grant)

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.