



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City of Columbus received funding for the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. This grant requires Columbus Public Health to assure quality medical care to eligible persons living with HIV or AIDS in Central Ohio (Franklin, Licking, Delaware, Morrow, Union, Madison, Pickaway and Fairfield counties). This ordinance is needed to authorize the Board of Health to contract with the following vendors to provide HIV-related somatic medical care, medical case management services, non-medical case management services, mental health services, housing services, and emergency financial assistance. The term of each contract is March 1, 2019, through February 29, 2020.

AIDS Healthcare Foundation FEID#95-4112121: \$364,174.00

Equitas Health FEID#31-1126780: \$1,777,641.00

The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital FEID#31-6056230: \$492,633.00

The Ohio State University, Department of Internal Medicine FEID#31-6025986: \$256,329.00

Ohio State University Hospital FEID#31-1340739: \$122,000.00

Total: \$3,012,777.00

The HIV Care Part A grant's purpose is to improve access to medical care for persons living with HIV or AIDS living in Central Ohio. The goal is that each client will achieve viral suppression, which improves their quality of life and reduces the risk of spreading the infection. This grant will enhance medical services, both somatic and behavioral health. It will pay for HIV related doctor's visits, mental health services, substance abuse services, and other services allowable by the grant. It will also strengthen the case management and linkage to care (or patient navigation) elements.

In 2018, The Ryan White Part A program for the Central Ohio area served over 2,400 people living with HIV through several programs including outpatient/ambulatory medical care, mental health services, medical case management, early intervention services, housing services, non-medical case management, emergency financial assistance and medical transportation.

These services were advertised through vendor services (RFQ003652) in December 2016, according to bidding requirements of the City Code.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency in order to ensure that quality medical care is available to eligible persons living with HIV/AIDS, and to ensure timely payment to providers.

FISCAL IMPACT: This contract is entirely funded by a grant award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. Columbus Public Health is requesting one ACPO in the amount of \$3,012,777.00 to encumber funds using available grant appropriations for the above contracts. CPH intends to issue each contractor an initial purchase order for a percentage of the total contract based on past performance. CPH will issue subsequent purchase orders based on the vendor's performance through the grant period not to exceed the contract maximum indicated above.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into contract with various vendors for the Ryan White Part A Program for the provision of outpatient ambulatory care, non-medical case management, medical case management, mental health services, housing services, and emergency financial assistance for persons living with HIV or AIDS in Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Pickaway, and Union counties; to authorize the expenditure of \$3,012,777.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund to pay the costs thereof; and to declare an emergency.

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WHEREAS, it is necessary to allow the Board of Health to enter into contracts for services; and,

WHEREAS, \$3,012,777.00 in additional funds are needed for the continued provision of HIV-related somatic medical care, medical case management services, non-medical case management services, mental health services, housing services, and emergency financial assistance for the Ryan White Part A Program for a sum total of contracts not to exceed \$3,012,777.00; and,

WHEREAS, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Equitas Health, The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, The Ohio State University, Department of Internal Medicine, and Ohio State University Hospital will provide various HIV-related services to meet all grant deliverables required by the Ryan White Part A Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the contract period for these contracts is March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contracts in order to continue services without interruption 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 to enter into contracts with the following vendors for a total amount not to exceed \$3,012,777.00 for HIV-related services to persons living with HIV or AIDS in Central Ohio, for the period of March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020.

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SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contracts, the expenditure of \$3,012,777.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, object class 03 per the attached accounting document.

SECTION 3. That these contracts are awarded in accordance with Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code.

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 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.