



## Legislation Text

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### **BACKGROUND:**

This ordinance authorizes the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into contract with Ohio Guidestone for peer mentorship of HART participants. The Court was awarded a grant which was provided from the Bureau of Justice Assistance via Franklin County Office of Just Policy and Programs Unit. The award was for \$50,000.

**EMERGENCY ACTION** is requested in order to start service as soon as possible.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The funds are available in the General Government Grant Fund. **This Ordinance is contingent on the passage of Ordinance 1323-2019.**

To authorize and direct the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into contract with Ohio Guidestone for peer mentorship of HART participants and to authorize the expenditure of up to \$50,000.00 for mentorship services from the general government grant fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, it is in the city's best interest that the Franklin County Municipal Court receive enhanced support for the specialized docket program in the form of peer mentorship to participants in the HART specialized docket. Helping Achieve Recovery Together, HART, the opiate specific Specialized Docket at the Franklin County Municipal Court, does not have peer support for participants prior to ATP State fund enrollment. The peer mentors will fill the gap between Specialized Docket referral and ATP. This is the critical time for engagement in recovery and linkage to community treatment. It fills the gap at the time participants are transitioning from jail to treatment, when due to their sobriety in jail and ensuing reduced tolerance they are the most vulnerable to relapse and lethal overdose. A peer mentor can support, link, and navigate this space with a high risk/high need participants; and

**WHEREAS**, funds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 is budgeted within the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges Grant Fund for this contractual agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges in that it is immediately necessary to authorize a contract and associated expenditures with the Ohio Guidestone in order to assure the start of the assessments thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, safety, and welfare; Now, Therefore

### **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS**

**SECTION 1.** Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 2.** The the expenditure of \$50,000 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 2220, Dept/Div 2501, Project G251908, Object code 03 per the accounting codes inthe attachment of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That the Administrating and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Ohio Guidestone for mentorship services through May 31, 2020.

**SECTION 4.** That for the 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.