



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Franklin County Municipal Court Administrative and Presiding Judge to enter into contract with Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO), a government agency, and authorizes the expenditure of up to \$247,535 from the grant fund (Ordinance 2883-2018) for MAT overtime of jail staff.

Franklin County Municipal Court received an Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program (COAP) grant to support the court's Medication Assistance Treatment (MAT) program. Through the program justice-involved individuals struggling with addiction are offered the opportunity to link with MAT services while they are under jail supervision. Grant funds support the addition of a court-based MAT project manager and a community case manager to ensure individuals who start MAT in the jail or in the courthouse are seamlessly linked with community-based treatment services and recovery supports. Grant funds also cover overtime costs for Franklin County jail staff to support actions and procedures required to prepare inmates to start MAT. These activities include but are not limited to managing eligibility lists; developing passes and escorting individuals for pre-screening lab tests; and transporting individuals to/from main jail for treatment. Based on prior activities, jail staff project it will take approximately 27-30 hours of overtime per week to support grant activities (approximately 4,125 hours over the duration of the grant period). Franklin County Municipal Court will enter into a three year service contract with Franklin County Sheriff's Office for \$247,535 to support jail-based program supports. Contract costs are fully supported by COAP grant funds.

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

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds are available within the grant fund for this purpose.

To authorize and direct the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into contract with Franklin County Sheriff's Office; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$247,535.00 from the government grant fund with FCSO for overtime of jail staff for the MAT program; and to declare an emergency. (\$247,535.00)

WHEREAS, the Court has determined that it is in its best interest to enter into contract with FCSO; and

WHEREAS, \$247,535 is needed to provide for services during the period through September 30, 2021; 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 the contract and authorize the expenditure for FCSO overtime thereby preserving 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 Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with FCSO for overtime of jail staff for the MAT program for the period ending

September 30, 2021.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$247,535 or as much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized from the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges according to the account codes in that attachment.

SECTION 3. 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.