



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health provides laboratory testing of medical specimens generated by various programs within Columbus Public Health. Labcorp of America has been providing these services since 2008. This ordinance is necessary to authorize the Board of Health to modify the existing contract with Labcorp of America for additional services. This modification is for an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, for a total contract amount of \$22,000.00, and is for the period through January 31, 2020. This vendor provides laboratory results to our proprietary software system NextGen through a customization of our electronic health record. Utilizing another vendor would be a long term effort resulting in unnecessary development costs and therefore, it is in the best interest of the City to maintain the services of the current vendor.

The Clinical Health Division serves approximately 12,000 clients per year. Of these clients, roughly 30% are underinsured and 40% are uninsured. This contract modification with Labcorp of America will provide Laboratory Services for these underserved clients in the Clinical Health Division for laboratory tests that are not performed in-house. No one is denied services based upon their inability to pay.

Emergency action is requested to ensure continued testing services for Columbus Public Health patients.

The Contract Compliance number is 133757370.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$4,000.00 is budgeted in the 2019 Health Special Revenue Fund to provide funding for this contract.

To authorize the Board of Health to modify a contract with LabCorp of America for additional laboratory testing services for various Columbus Public Health programs in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00; to authorize the expenditure of \$4,000.00 from the Health Special Revenue Fund for this contract modification; and to declare an emergency. (\$4,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has a need for lab testing services; and,

WHEREAS, a contract modification with Labcorp of America in the amount of \$4,000.00 is necessary in order to provide additional lab testing services; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is submitted as an emergency in order to ensure continuity of services for clients of CPH Clinics; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to modify a contract with LabCorp of America for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to ensure continued testing services; Now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Board of Health is hereby authorized and directed to modify a contract with LabCorp of America for laboratory testing of medical specimens for various programs of Columbus Public Health for the period through

January 31, 2020.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract modification, the expenditure of \$4,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Special Revenue Fund, Fund No. 2250, Department of Health, Department No. 50, Division No. 5001, Object Class 03, Main Account 63040, Program HE004, Section 3 500110, Section 4 HE18, according to the attachment to this ordinance.

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 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.