



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Access 2 Interpreters for in-person interpretation services for an amount not to exceed \$151,000.00. Columbus Public Health has a need to provide interpretation and translation services for persons with limited English proficiency who receive public health services from Columbus Public Health. These services will be provided at Columbus Public Health's facility located at 240 Parsons Avenue, and throughout the City of Columbus in conjunction with public health services when required. The contract period is from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 with the option to renew for one additional one-year period through March 31, 2022.

Columbus Public Health solicited requests for proposals on February 6, 2017, per RFQ004221. A committee comprised of Columbus Public Health staff reviewed and recommended Access 2 Interpreters as the lowest, responsive, responsible, and best bidder.

Emergency action is requested for this contract in order to ensure Columbus Public Health can continue to provide Interpretation Services, and to continue to save lives.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for this contract (\$151,000.00) is budgeted within the Health Special Revenue Fund, Fund No. 2250.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Access 2 Interpreters for in-person interpretation services; to authorize the expenditure of \$151,000.00 from the Health Special Revenue Fund for said contract; and to declare an emergency. (\$151,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** a need exists for interpretation and translation services for persons with limited English proficiency who receive services from Columbus Public Health; and,

**WHEREAS,** Columbus Public Health solicited requests for proposals for these needed services through RFQ004221 on the City's vendor service portal on February 6, 2017; and,

**WHEREAS,** Columbus Public Health evaluated all bid proposals and recommended Access 2 Interpreters as the lowest, responsive, responsible, and best bidder according to the specifications for in-person interpretation services; and,

**WHEREAS,** the term of this contract is one year, from April 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021, with the option to renew for one additional one-year period through March 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Health in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board to enter into a contract for interpretation and translation services 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 a contract with Access 2 Interpreters to provide in-person interpretation services for the period of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

**SECTION 2.** That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$151,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Special Revenue Fund, Fund No. 2250, Division No. 5001, Object Class 03, according to the ordinance attachment.

**SECTION 3.** That this contract was awarded in accordance with the competitive bidding provisions 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 necessary.

**SECTION 5.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that this contract is properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the City's financial reports.

**SECTION 6.** 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.