



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The purpose of this ordinance is authorize the Board of Health to enter into contract with The Ohio State University College of Public Health for COVID-19 contact tracing services on the OSU campus from August 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 for a total contract amount of \$204,696.00.

The City of Columbus, Columbus Public Health (CPH) received funding from United States Department of Treasury through the CARES Act to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. CPH is using a portion of this funding to increase contact tracing services for the OSU campus for COVID-19 to prevent further spread of coronavirus disease. Due to the immediate need to provide contact tracing services to the OSU campus, CPH requested an emergency waiver of the provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329 from the Director of the Division of Finance and Management following the procedures set forth under the Mayor's Executive Order 2020-01 "Declaration of State of Emergency." That waiver was approved and PO239313 was established with The Ohio State University College of Public Health with the provision that this ordinance would be drafted for City Council approval. Emergency action is requested to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible to bolster the emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FISCAL IMPACT: This contract is funded by CARES Act fund 2207 and the Ohio Department of Health Coronavirus Contact Tracing grant, in the amount of \$204,696.00.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with The Ohio State University to provide COVID-19 contract tracing services to OSU campus in the amount of \$204,696.00; to authorize the expenditure of \$204,696.00 from the CARES Act Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$204,696.00)

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a need to provide contact tracing services on OSU campus to inform and promote healthy lifestyles to prevent the further spread of coronavirus disease; and

WHEREAS, expenditures of CARES Act funding to provide contact tracing services is necessary to inform and promote healthy lifestyles to prevent the further spread of disease caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, such expenditure of funds has not been previously accounted for in the 2020 budget; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio State University, College of Public Health has been awarded the contract to increase contact tracing services on the OSU campus to help prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is August 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board of Health to enter into contract with The Ohio State University, College of Public Health, 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 contract with The Ohio State University in the

amount of \$204,696.00 for the time period of August 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$204,696.00 is hereby authorized from the CARES Act Fund, Fund No. 2207, Department of Health, Department No. 5001, per PO239313.

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 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.