



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health received funds for the Federal HIV Prevention grant program from the Ohio Department of Health. Ordinance No. 0230-2020 authorized the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Equitas Health to provide health education and risk reduction services related to HIV.

The Federal HIV Prevention Program enables Columbus Public Health to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate HIV counseling and testing/referral; partner counseling; and health education/risk reduction behavior modification programs. Services are provided to residents of Franklin County and other regional counties, with special emphasis on men who have sex with men, individuals with high risk sexual contact, youth, and injection drug/substance users.

This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to modify an existing contract with Equitas Health for additional HIV Prevention services for the period through December 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$93,951.40, for a new total contract amount of \$294,091.40. This contractor is a nonprofit organization and exempt from contract compliance certification.

This ordinance is contingent on Ordinance No. 1885-2020 and Ordinance No. 1897-2020.

Emergency action is required to ensure the continued operation of the HIV Prevention grant program.

FISCAL IMPACT: This contract is entirely funded by a grant award from the Ohio Department of Health. This grant does not generate revenue nor require a city match.

To authorize the Board of Health to modify an existing contract with Equitas Health for the provision of health education and risk reduction services related to HIV for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; to authorize the expenditure of \$93,951.40 from the Health Department Grants Fund to pay the costs thereof; and to declare an emergency. (\$93,951.40)

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has received additional grant funds for the HIV Prevention Program for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure continued services provisions under the program, it is necessary to modify an existing contract with Equitas Health for the provision of health education and risk reduction services related to HIV; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is January 1, 2020 through December 31, 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 to modify an existing contract with Equitas Health for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to ensure the continued operation of the HIV Prevention Program;
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. That the Board of Health is hereby authorized to modify an existing contract with Equitas Health for the

provision of services under the Federal HIV Prevention grant program, for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract modification, the expenditure of \$93,951.40 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, Department No. 50, Division 5001, per the accounting codes attached 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 the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 5. 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.