

Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health has been awarded a grant from the Ohio Department of Health for the COVID-19 Care Resource Coordination Support Grant for the period of August 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. Columbus Public Health has been designated as the primary grantee agency and administrator of the COVID-19 Care Resource Coordination Support Grant in the City of Columbus. The grant funds awarded provide \$634,000.00 in community support funds for various agencies in the City of Columbus.

All of the selected agencies will provide social and economic support related to COVID-19 testing and diagnosis, including isolation and quarantine to low-income individuals and families, paying particular attention to the populations especially at high-risk of adverse outcomes due to COVID-19, to the residents of the City of Columbus. The list of agencies are below:

Breathing Association	\$ 60,000.00
Central Ohio Workers Center Inc	\$ 60,000.00
Council on Islamic Relations	\$ 60,000.00
Creative Housing, Inc	\$ 60,000.00
Vineyard Community Center	\$ 60,000.00
Columbus Early Learning Centers	\$100,000.00
OhioGuidestone	\$100,000.00
MidOhio Food Bank	\$134,000.00
	\$634,000.00

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: The COVID-19 Care Resource Coordination Support Grant is entirely funded by the Ohio Department of Health. This program does not generate any revenue or require a City Match. This ordinance is contingent upon the passage of Ordinance No: 2150-2020 that authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of \$743,273.00 for the COVID-19 Care Resource Coordination Support Grant.

To authorize and direct the Board of Health to enter into various contracts for the provision of providing social and economic support related to COVID-19 testing and diagnosis, including isolation and quarantine to low-income individuals and families, paying particular attention to the populations especially at high-risk of adverse outcomes due to COVID-19, to the residents of the City of Columbus; to authorize the expenditure of \$634,000.00 from the Health Department's Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$634,000.00)

WHEREAS, The Ohio Department of Health has designated the Columbus Health Department as the primary grantee agency and fund administrator for the COVID-19 Care Resource Coordination Support Grant program in the City of Columbus; and,

**WHEREAS**, Breathing Association, Central Ohio Workers Center Inc, Council on Islamic Relations, Creative Housing, Inc, Vineyard Community Center, Columbus Early Learning Centers, Ohio Guidestone and MidOhio Food Bank will

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provide various services to meet all deliverables required by the COVID-19 Care Resource Coordination and Support Grant; and,

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in that it is immediately necessary to enter into these contracts with funds from the Ohio Department of Health to prevent, prepare for, and respond to a public health emergency in central Ohio and 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 various contracts for the provision of providing social and economic support related to COVID-19 testing and diagnosis, including isolation and quarantine to low-income individuals and families, paying particular attention to the populations especially at high-risk of adverse outcomes due to COVID-19, to the residents of the City of Columbus, for the period of August 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed a total of \$634,000.00 with the following agencies: Breathing Association, Central Ohio Workers Center Inc, Council on Islamic Relations, Creative Housing, Inc, Vineyard Community Center, Columbus Early Learning Centers, Ohio Guidestone and MidOhio Food Bank

**SECTION 2.** That to pay the costs of said contract, the expenditure of \$634,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Department's Grant Fund, Department No. 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 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.