



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The City of Columbus received funds for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The HOPWA program provides for the implementation of long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of low income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Eligible activities include providing housing information services; resource identification; acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion, lease, and repair of facilities to provide housing and services; new construction of housing units; project or tenant-based rental assistance; short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments; supportive services; technical assistance and administrative support. The Board of Health will contract with various community agencies to provide these services.

Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency (Contract Compliance No. 316060695), Jewish Family Services (CC No. 314379497), LSS Faith Mission (CC No. 314412586), and Licking County Coalition for Housing (CC No. 311369756) all submitted proposals during an RFQ process completed in August, 2019 (RFQ012772). These agencies are the only providers at this time who specialize exclusively in assisting income-eligible individuals/households living with HIV/AIDS in the eight county EMSA. These contracts are for the second year of a five year contract period. These agencies are nonprofit organizations and are therefore exempt from certification.

Emergency action is requested in order to avoid any delays in providing program services.

FISCAL IMPACT: These contracts are entirely funded by grant awards from HUD. This grant does not generate revenue or require a City match.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into contracts with various community agencies for the provision of eligible HOPWA services for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; to authorize the expenditure of \$811,179.00 from the General Government Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$811,179.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has received funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the implementation of comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of persons with HIV/AIDS under the HOPWA program; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure continued service provisions under the program, it is necessary to enter into contracts with community agencies for the provision of housing services for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Health Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into these contracts for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare, and to avoid any delay in client 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 enter into contracts with various community

agencies for the provision of services under the HOPWA program, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contracts, the expenditure of \$149,065.00 is hereby authorized from the General Government Grants Fund, Fund No. 2220, Department No. 50, Division No. 5001, Object Class 03, Main Account 63050, Program HE004, Section 3 500111, Section 4 HE22, Project No. G502027 (HOPWA - 2020 Grant) (Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency)

SECTION 3. That to pay the cost of said contracts, the expenditure of \$100,000.00 is hereby authorized from the General Government Grants Fund, Fund No. 2220, Department No. 50, Division No. 5001, Object Class 03, Main Account 63050, Program HE004, Section 3 500111, Section 4 HE22, Project No. G502027 (HOPWA - 2020 Grant) (Jewish Family Services)

SECTION 4. That to pay the cost of said contracts, the expenditure of \$412,369.00 is hereby authorized from the General Government Grants Fund, Fund No. 2220, Department No. 50, Division No. 5001, Object Class 03, Main Account 63050, Program HE004, Section 3 500111, Section 4 HE22, Project No. G502027 (HOPWA - 2020 Grant) (LSS Faith Mission)

SECTION 5. That to pay the cost of said contracts, the expenditure of \$149,745.00 is hereby authorized from the General Government Grants Fund, Fund No. 2220, Department No. 50, Division No. 5001, Object Class 03, Main Account 63050, Program HE004, Section 3 500111, Section 4 HE22, Project No. G502027 (HOPWA - 2020 Grant) (Licking County Coalition for Housing)

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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.