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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Board of Health to modify and extend the following contract for continued COVID-19 contact tracing.

Emocha Mobile Health -Ordinance 1189-2022 approved the modification and extended the contract end date through May 31, 2022. This ordinance will increase the contract amount by an additional \$600,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,352,429.00 and to extend those contract services through December 31, 2022. .

Due to the immediate nature of the need for contact tracing services, CPH is requesting the waiver of the provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329 from the Director of the Division of Finance and Management.

FISCAL IMPACT: This expense is funded by the State Health Subsidy Grant and Enhanced Operations Grant. This program does not generate any revenue or require a City Match.

This modification is contingent on the approval of Ordinance 1628-2022, which transfers object class within the COVID-19 Enhanced Operations Grant program.

To authorize the Board of Health to modify and increase an existing contract with Emocha Mobile Health for continued COVID-19 contact tracing services; to authorize the Board of Health to modify and extend the existing contract with Emocha Mobile Health through December 31, 2022; to authorize the expenditure of \$600,000.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund for said contract, to waive the competitive bidding requirements of City Code, and to declare an emergency. (\$600,000.00)

WHEREAS, a need exists for continued COVID-19 contact tracing services through December 31, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, expenditures from Health Department Operating Fund to provide continued contact tracing, testing and vaccination services is necessary to address increased needs caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Columbus Public Health Department to waive the competitive bidding requirements of the Columbus City Code; 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 modify and extend the contract with Emocha Mobile Health for contact tracing services due to the immediate nature of such need, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; and **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 and extend the contract with Emocha Mobile Health for contact tracing services for the COVID-19 pandemic response through December 31, 2022.

SECTION 2. 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 3. 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 4. That the expenditure of \$600,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Departments Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, Department of Health, Division No. 5001, in object class 03 - Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That this Council finds it in the City's best interests to waive the competitive bidding requirements of City Code.

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.