



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Stephanie Starks DBA Starks Counseling & Consultation Services LLC. in the amount of \$75,000.00. Their contract compliance number is CC-042750. These services were advertised through Bonfire (RFQ022531) according to bidding requirements of the City Code.

Columbus Public Health's (CPH) Neighborhood Social Services section has a need for culturally sensitive crisis grief counseling for families after a violent loss. Additionally, the contractor will provide a sibling loss group, to effectively work with both youth and adults related to grief and emotional healing, provide a workshop on coping for families during the first year after a loss, and finally the contract will also provide one traumatic grief training to share best practices with professionals prior to contract's end date.

Emergency action is requested in order to not delay the start date of September 19, 2022.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$75,000.00 is budgeted in the Health Operating Fund for crisis grief counseling services.

To authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Stephanie Starks, DBA Starks Counseling & Consultation Services LLC for crisis grief counseling services the period of September 19, 2022 through September 18, 2023; to authorize the expenditure of \$75,000.00 from the Health Operating fund to pay the costs thereof; and to declare an emergency. (\$75,000.00).

**WHEREAS,** Columbus Public Health has a need for crisis grief counseling services and;

**WHEREAS,** Stephanie Starks, DBA Starks Counseling & Consultation Services LLC has the expertise required; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board to enter into contract with Stephanie Starks, DBA Starks Counseling & Consultation Services LLC, for crisis grief counseling services, all 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 a contract with Stephanie Starks, DBA Starks Counseling & Consultation Services LLC, in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the period of September 19, 2022 through September 18, 2023

**SECTION 2.** That to pay the costs of said contract, the expenditure of \$75,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Operating fund according to the account codes attached to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That this contract is in compliance with Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** 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.