

Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes an amendment to Ordinance No. 1940-2022, passed by Columbus City Council on July 25, 2022, to allow for payment of services starting September 1, 2022, and to further clarify the type of agreement.

Ordinance 1940-2022 authorized the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a subaward agreement with Equitas Health to provide housing services for people living with HIV/AIDS using 2022 Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Historically, the HOPWA grant has been managed and administered by Columbus Public Health (CPH). Starting with the 2022 grant year funds, the HOPWA grant will be managed and administered by the Department of Development (DOD), Division of Housing. In early 2022, CPH put forth Ordinance 0919-2022 to enter into an agreement with Equitas Health to provide HOPWA services. That ordinance and agreement provided a portion of the funds needed for the 2022 program year. This agreement, under the authority of the Director of Development, will be an original agreement with Equitas Health and will provide additional funding for the remainder of the year.

To provide continuous services under this program, Development's agreement needs to begin after Columbus Public Health's ends. CPH's agreement ended August 31, 2022, when all funds had been expended for services provided. Development anticipates that their contract will be fully executed by mid-September. To prevent a gap in service, Development's agreement needs to allow for payment of services starting September 1, 2022.

The correct name for the agreement being entered into is a "subaward grant agreement".

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: is requested to support the approved emergency designation of Ordinance No. 1940-2022.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: the vendor number is 004721 and expires 1/25/2024

To amend Ordinance No. 1940-2022, passed by Columbus City Council on July 25, 2022, to allow for payment of services starting September 1, 2022 and to further clarify the type of agreement; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1940-2022 authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a subaward agreement with Equitas Health to provide housing services for people living with HIV/AIDS using 2022 Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds; and

WHEREAS, to provide continuous services under this federal program, Development's agreement needs to start the day after Columbus Public Health ends and that start date is September 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the correct name for the agreement being entered into is a "subaward grant agreement"; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to amend Ordinance No. 1940-2022, passed by Columbus City Council on July 25, 2022, in order to avoid a lapse in service due to the expiration of the existing agreement all for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, property, and welfare; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. That Section 3 of Ordinance No. 1940-2022, passed by Columbus City Council on July 25, 2022, be amended to read as follows: "SECTION 3. That the Director of Development is hereby authorized to enter into a subaward **grant** agreement with Equitas Health to provide housing services for people living with HIV/AIDS, in an amount up to \$302,082.00, **and to allow for**

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payment for services starting September 1, 2022."

SECTION 2. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which 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 it.