



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus Public Health received funds for the STD Surveillance Network (SSuN) grant program from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Ordinance No. 2707-2022 authorized the Board of Health to enter into a contract with The Ohio State University to provide technical assistance services for the program's awarded strategies. Contractor's Compliance number CC006163.

Columbus Public Health (CPH) is participating in the STD Surveillance Network (SSuN) program to better understand behavioral, demographic, and clinical information on gonorrhea cases. This information will allow CPH and the CDC to better understand the epidemiology of STDs and to inform national and local STD prevention efforts.

This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to modify an existing contract with The Ohio State University for the period through September 29, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00, for a new contract amount of \$110,000.00.

Emergency action is required to ensure the continued operation of the STD Surveillance Network (SSuN) grant program and to allow OSU to provide additional analysis of SSUN variables which analysis is a requirement from grantor, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

FISCAL IMPACT: This contract is entirely funded by a grant award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This grant does not generate revenue nor require a city match.

To authorize the Board of Health to modify an existing contract with The Ohio State University for the provision of technical assistance services for the period September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2023; to authorize the expenditure of \$45,000.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund to pay the costs thereof; and to declare an emergency. (\$45,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus Public Health has received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the STD Surveillance Network (SSuN) grant program; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure continued services provisions under the program, it is necessary to modify an existing contract with The Ohio State University for the provision of technical assistance services; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board to modify an existing contract with The Ohio State University to ensure the continued operation of the STD Surveillance Network (SSuN) Program to allow OSU to provide additional analysis of SSUN variables which analysis is required from grantor, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 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 and directed to modify an existing contract with The Ohio State University for the provision of technical assistance services under the STD Surveillance Network (SSuN) grant

program, for the period of September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2023.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract modification, the expenditure of \$45,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Health Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 2251, Department No. 50, Division 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 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 5. 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.