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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

This ordinance authorizes the Administrating and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into the third year of a potential four year contract with Avertest DBA Averhealth for random and instant drug testing.

There are two parts to the program: one is a random drug testing system. The court has specialty docket probationer's names put into a system, and then at random, they are called monthly or weekly to come in for a drug test. The second part is that if a defendant or a specialty docket probationer shows up for court and appears to be under the influence of drugs, they can be escorted to Avertest for an instant drug test.

RFQ017813 was done and closed on March 23, 2021. Two bids were received: Avertest and Recovery Trek. Avertest has the better pricing and won the bid.

Legislation 1815-2021 for \$200,000 year one.

Legislation 2170-2021 for \$100,000 year one additional funds.

Legislation 0499-2022 for \$350,000 year two.

Legislation 2337-2022 for \$225,000 year two additional funds.

Avertest DBA Averhealth federal tax id is 27-3929226.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds are available within the 2023 specialized docket and probation budgets for this purpose.

To authorize and direct the Administrating and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into contract with Avertest for random and instant drug testing; and to authorize the expenditure of up to \$465,000.00 for drug testing services from the specialty docket fund. (\$465,000.00)

WHEREAS, \$465,000.00 is needed to provide drug testing services; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Municipal Court is in need of drug testing services from Avertest; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Franklin County Municipal Court to authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge to contract for drug testing of specialized docket participants and probationers with Avertest, thereby preserving 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 Administrating and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to enter into the third year of a potential four contract with Avertest for drug testing services through the period ending February 28, 2024.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$465,000.00 or as much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized from the

Franklin County Municipal Court Judges according to the account codes in the attachment.

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 this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.