



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

This ordinance authorizes the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into the second year of a four-year contract with Avertest DBA Averhealth for secure continuous remote alcohol monitor (SCRAM) services. RFQ024159 closed on 3/16/23, and there were two bidders. Averhealth and Ohio AMS. Averhealth won the bid based on the lowest cost of service.

The original contract was authorized by Ordinance No. 1153-2023, passed by Columbus City Council on May 1, 2023, which authorized an initial contract with three one-year renewal periods. The original contract expires April 1, 2024.

EMERGENCY JUSTIFICATION: The contract expires April 1, 2024 and immediate renewal is necessary so that the critical services provided by Averhealth may continue without disruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds are available within the 2024 Electronic Alcohol Monitoring (IDIAM) fund for this purpose.

To authorize and direct the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into the second year of a four-year contract with Avertest DBA Averhealth for monitoring services associated with the Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM); to authorize the expenditure of \$180,000.00 for monitoring services from the electronic alcohol monitoring fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$180,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge to enter into a contract renewal with Avertest DBA Averhealth to secure the continued provision of SCRAM services and for the protection of their constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, this is the first renewal year of a contract with three optional one-year renewal periods; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Franklin County Municipal Court, in that it is necessary to immediately authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge to renew the contract for continuous alcohol monitoring services with Avertest DBA Averhealth, in light of the contract termination date of April 1, 2024 and the necessity of the services provided by Avertest, all for the immediate preservation of public health, peace, property, and safety; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

SECTION 1. That the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into the second year of a four-year contract with Avertest DBA Averhealth for the provision of SCRAM monitoring.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$180,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized from the Franklin County Municipal Court electronic alcohol monitoring fund in accordance with the attachment 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 for the 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 its passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.