

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

-2021

AUTHORIZING the payment of \$68,189.04 as a moral obligation to Western Nursing Services for temporary services provided to the Cincinnati Health Department for the positions of Customer Relations Representative, Community Health Worker, and Epidemiologist; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to make a payment of \$68,189.04 to Western Nursing Services from the Cincinnati Health Department's operating budget account nos. 395x265x2110x7297, 395x265x3110x7297, 395x265x5110x7297, 395x265x6110x7297, 395x265x7110x7297, 350x263x6110x7297, and 395x265x1110x7297.

WHEREAS, in 2021, Western Nursing Services provided temporary staffing services to the Cincinnati Health Department ("CHD") for the positions of Customer Relations Representative, Community Health Worker, and Epidemiologist; and

WHEREAS, Western Nursing Services has not been paid for these services despite having timely submitted invoices to CHD; and

WHEREAS, prior to the start date of the temporary employees, NEOGOV approval was not obtained from the City's departments of Human Resources, Budget, and Procurement; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department will not accept a request for certification of funds for temporary services without NEOGOV approval; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available from CHD's operating budget account nos. 395x265x2110x7297, 395x265x3110x7297, 395x265x5110x7297, 395x265x6110x7297, 395x265x7110x7297, 350x263x6110x7297, and 395x265x1110x7297; and

WHEREAS, CHD has identified and resolved the issues which led to this oversight, and it is anticipated that improved communication within CHD and with the vendor will prevent similar situations in the future; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to provide payment for such services in the amount of \$68,189.04; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Finance Director is authorized to make a payment of \$68,189.04 from the Cincinnati Health Department's operating budget account nos. 395x265x2110x7297, 395x265x3110x7297, 395x265x5110x7297, 395x265x6110x7297, 395x265x7110x7297,

350x263x6110x7297, and 395x265x1110x7297 to Western Nursing Services as a moral obligation of the City of Cincinnati for temporary services provided to the Cincinnati Health Department for the positions of Customer Service Representative, Community Health Worker, and Epidemiologist.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay Western Nursing Services in a timely manner for temporary services received in 2021.

Passed: _____, 2021

Mayor John Cranley

Attest: _____
Clerk