



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: May 16, 2022

Re: Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Community Health Worker Initiative Contract

Executive Summary

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to sign Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Community Health Worker Initiative Contract between the City of Columbia, MO and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services ending through January 31, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$365,420; appropriating funds and authorizing an amendment to the City of Columbia Classification and Pay Plan FY2022.

Discussion

COVID-19 has disproportionately affected populations placed at higher risk and who are medically underserved, including racial and ethnic minority groups, and people living in rural communities who are at higher risk of exposure, infection, hospitalization and mortality. The purpose of this contract is to implement a Community Health Worker initiative (CHWi). The CHWi will identify underserved populations and match them with Community Health Workers to assist with education, surveillance, referrals to programs and resources in an effort to mitigate COVID-19 and help control risk factors of severe disease.

PHHS requests approval to amend the City of Columbia Classification and Pay Plan for FY 2022 authorizing two new position classifications: Community Health Worker Supervisor and Community Health Worker. With this funding, the department requests to hire 1.0 FTE Community Health Supervisor and 3.0 FTE Community Health Workers.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: This is grant funding and will not impact the general fund.

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Secondary Impact: Inclusive Community, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	This is the first contract.

Suggested Council Action

Should the Council agree with staff recommendations, an affirmative vote is in order.