



Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 17, 2023

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 Amendment #01 between the City of Columbia, MO and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services from February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$365,420.

## 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 Community Health Worker initiative (CHWi) connects Community Health Workers (CHW) with these underserved populations. The CHW's assist with education, surveillance, referrals to programs and resources in an effort to mitigate COVID-19 and help control risk factors of severe disease. This funding provides for one Community Health Worker Supervisor and three Community Health Workers. This Amendment renews the agreement put into place in FY22 and is included in the FY23 budget.

## 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

## Legislative History

Date	Action
1.16.23	Amendment #01
6.17.22	Initial contract

## Suggested Council Action

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