

Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution authorizes service contracts between Public Health and various vendors for COVID-19 testing. Public Health will reimburse the vendors \$20 per test with funds received from the State through the WI DHS Community Testing Support Program. Public Health is not reimbursed for their time administering the program but can absorb any additional costs with existing resources.

The Board of Health accepted grant funding for this program in September (Legistar 67464). Per the Intergovernmental Agreement for Public Health, the Department may accept and spend grants without further approval of the County Board or Common Council if the grant is a continuation of or supplement to a grant previously approved by the City and County. No appropriation is required for this resolution.

Title

Resolution authorizing the Public Health Director to execute service contracts with Testing Pilot Partnership Vendors for COVID-19 testing using funds reimbursed by the State through the WI DHS Community Testing Support Program

Body

WHEREAS, Public Health-Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) is participating in the WI Department of Health Services (WI DHS) COVID-19 Testing Pilot Program, recently renamed the Community Testing Support Program, to support ongoing COVID-19 testing activities since the program's inception in August 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Community Testing Support Program provides a \$20 per test reimbursement to Wisconsin organizations that conduct eligible COVID-19 testing in community-based settings, outbreak-based settings, and in high-risk congregate settings; and

WHEREAS, the program has been approved by the State through June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, to increase access to COVID-19 testing for Dane County residents and neighbors in southern Wisconsin, WI DHS approved PHMDC as a program participant to partner with entities interested in conducting COVID-19 testing for the community; and

WHEREAS, under this program, approved partners (pharmacies, other locations) perform tests, PHMDC submits testing data to WI DHS on their behalf, and PHMDC receives state funding and distributes \$20/ per test reimbursement to the partners for the number of tests they administer; and

WHEREAS, to date, the below named entities have partnered with PHMDC through the Community Testing Support Program, and have been conducting roughly 7,000 tests per month. For partners outside Dane County, PHMDC has been coordinating participation with the appropriate County Health Department. Partners include:

- Fitchburg Family Pharmacy
- Hometown Pharmacy Brodhead
- Hometown Pharmacy Beaver Dam
- Hometown Pharmacy Belleville

- Hometown Pharmacy Beloit
- Hometown Pharmacy Deforest
- Hometown Pharmacy Fort Atkinson
- Hometown Pharmacy Janesville
- Hometown Pharmacy Lodi
- Hometown Pharmacy Mayville
- Hometown Pharmacy Monroe Schultze
- Hometown Pharmacy Monroe West
- Hometown Pharmacy New Glarus
- Hometown Pharmacy Oregon
- Hometown Pharmacy Pardeeville
- Hometown Pharmacy Portage
- Hometown Pharmacy Poynette
- Hometown Pharmacy Randolph
- Hometown Pharmacy Rio
- Hometown Pharmacy Sun Prairie
- Hometown Pharmacy Verona
- Hometown Pharmacy Waterloo
- Hometown Pharmacy Watertown
- Hometown Pharmacy Waunakee
- JangoDx
- Medicine Shoppe McFarland
- Medicine Shoppe Monona
- JP Hair Design, Inc.

WHEREAS, PHMDC proposes to initiate purchase of service contracts with the 27 partners listed above and any additional partners as the program continues to formalize the reimbursement process, which could reach more than \$50,000 per contract in reimbursements using state funds; and

WHEREAS, partners are opt-in rather than selected, and PHMDC intends to form additional partnerships where there is interest to expand testing capacity for Dane County residents; and

WHEREAS, MGO 4.26 requires Common Council approval of service contracts of \$50,000 or more if the contractor was not selected through a competitive selection process, and the reasons for selecting these partners for these contracts are set forth above and in the attached Noncompetitive Selection Request Form; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Director of Public Health-Madison and Dane County is authorized to execute service contracts with the named partners in this resolution, and future partners identified by PHMDC, using funds provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, for the purpose of expanding COVID-19 testing availability as described above, for a term that corresponds to the length of the state's program or until PHMDC concludes its participation, and for a price not to exceed the amount of available reimbursement from the state.