



Legislation Text

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Item:

Approval of Contract with Gene IQ for Employee COVID-19 Testing and Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BCC000063 Moving funds in the Amount of \$243,960 from the General Fund to the Risk Management Fund

Date of BOCC Meeting: January 4, 2021

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to suspend the rules, authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with Gene IQ for employee COVID-19 testing, and approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BCC000063 moving funds in the amount of \$243,960 from the General Fund to the Risk Management Fund. Gene IQ provided a response to RFP 21-013 requesting vendors for both bi-weekly and mass testing for employees, if warranted. Gene IQ will provide both bi-weekly testing for a small sample of employees working in confined living spaces, including the Detention Center and Youth Home, and mass testing up to and including the entire workforce, 2000+ individuals, if warranted. Through the RFP process they have outlined a strategy to provide personnel which will provide testing and results to employees. Moving forward with an employee testing strategy was discussed and requested by the Board during the September 2020 work session. Public Health will continue to provide testing services to detainees in the Detention Center.

Funding for this contract will come from the County General Fund COVID-19 set aside fund. The actual expenditures will occur in the Risk Management Fund and therefore the budget amendment is transferring the funds accordingly. This contract is not eligible for FEMA reimbursement. The need for this contract is critical in case there is a mass outbreak amongst the workforce which will require testing for Durham County's over 2,000 employees. This contract will extend to the end of the FY21 fiscal year.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This aligns with Strategic Goal 5 - Accountable, efficient, and visionary government and Goal 3 - Safe Community

Resource Persons: Lowell Siler, County Attorney and Janelle Owens, Safety & Risk Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board suspends rules, authorize the County Manager to execute the contract with Gene IQ for employee COVID-19 testing, and approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BCC000063 moving funds in the amount of \$243,960 from the General Fund to the Risk Management Fund.

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