

**REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION****Version 6/10/19**

Completed by County Counselor's Office:

Res/~~Ord~~ No.: 20457

Sponsor(s): Dan Tarwater III

Date: July 13, 2020

SUBJECT	<p>Action Requested  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution  <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance</p> <p>Project/Title: Authorizing the County Executive to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Stowers Institute for Medical Research to allow Stowers to proceed with FDA testing for a new COVID-1 saliva based test.</p>												
<b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b> <i>To be completed By Requesting Department and Finance</i>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:</td><td>\$0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Total amount authorized after this legislative action:</td><td>\$0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Amount budgeted for this item * (including transfers):</td><td>\$0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Source of funding (name of fund) and account code number:</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>* If account includes additional funds for other expenses, total budgeted in the account is: \$</p> <p><b>OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No budget impact (no fiscal note required)  <input type="checkbox"/> Term and Supply Contract (funds approved in the annual budget); estimated value and use of contract:  Department: Estimated Use:</p> <p>Prior Year Budget (if applicable): N/A  Prior Year Actual Amount Spent (if applicable): N/A</p>	Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:	\$0	Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:		Total amount authorized after this legislative action:	\$0	Amount budgeted for this item * (including transfers):	\$0	Source of funding (name of fund) and account code number:			
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<b>PRIOR LEGISLATION</b>	<p>Prior ordinances and (date):  Prior resolutions and (date):</p>												
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	RLA drafted by Troy Schulte, County Administrator at 881-1079												
<b>REQUEST SUMMARY</b>	<p>This resolution authorizes the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Stowers Institute for the following purpose:</p> <p>The Stowers Institute for Medical Research, a scientific research facility in Jackson County, is in the process of developing an automated version of the Centers for Disease Control's PCR-based test for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The Institute's automated version is expected to require significantly less labor than manual versions of this test. The Stowers Institute intends to apply to the Food and Drug Administration for Emergency Use Authorization for its automated method. The authorization may be received as early as the fall. The Institute will not be offering testing services to the general public and instead wishes to share the protocol for its automated method with other interested parties in Jackson County.</p> <p>In order to share its protocol broadly, the Institute needs to obtain immunity from liability claims. Immunity is provided under the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (the PREP Act) and the national emergency condition established by the Emergency Declaration issued in late March by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The PREP Act and Emergency Declaration also require a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a governmental entity having jurisdiction in the field.</p>												

The Institute proposes to enter into the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Jackson County, Missouri to cover the Institute and any other parties interested in using the automated method. With the MOU in place, Jackson County would be able to provide its authorization to interested parties, referred to in the MOU as Operators. Operators that use the county's authorization and the Institute's automated method would be able to provide testing services to residents and organizations in Jackson County with the protections available under the PREP Act.

**CLEARANCE**

- ☐ Tax Clearance Completed (Purchasing & Department)
- ☐ Business License Verified (Purchasing & Department) N/A
- ☐ Chapter 6 Compliance - Affirmative Action/Prevailing Wage (County Auditor's Office)

**COMPLIANCE**

- ☐ MBE Goals
- ☐ WBE Goals N/A
- ☐ VBE Goals

**ATTACHMENTS**

**REVIEW**

Department Director: *Chief Administrative Officer*

Finance (Budget Approval):

*If applicable*

Division Manager:

County Counselor's Office:

Date: *7-8-2020*

Date:

Date: *7-9-2020*

Date: *7/9/20*

Fiscal Information (to be verified by Budget Office in Finance Department)

- ☐ This expenditure was included in the annual budget.
- ☐ Funds for this were encumbered from the \_\_\_\_\_ Fund in \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.
- ☐ Funds sufficient for this expenditure will be/were appropriated by Ordinance #5335
- ☐ Funds sufficient for this appropriation are available from the source indicated below

Account Number:	Account Title:	Amount Not to Exceed:

- ☐ This award is made on a need basis and does not obligate Jackson County to pay any specific amount. The availability of funds for specific purchases will, of necessity, be determined as each using agency places its order.
- ☒ This legislative action does not impact the County financially and does not require Finance/Budget approval.