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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	14303	Agenda Number	14.
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Meeting Date:	4/26/2012	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$532,113 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT, and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) to appropriate \$532,113 for the delivery of basic needs, case management, employment support and preventive health services to low-income residents.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$532,113 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Community Services Block Grant. The grant period is January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Approval of the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget, September 12, 2011.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The City of Austin receives an annual formula-based Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The CSBG grant provides administrative support to a network of local Community Action Agencies that provide services to low-income residents. The City of Austin is considered the "Community Action Agency" for Travis County. The grant program provides funding for the delivery of basic needs, case management, preventive health and employment support services to low-income residents through the City's six (6) neighborhood centers and three (3) field offices.

In March 2011, TDHCA requested all community action agencies put in place a contingency plan in anticipation of a possible 50% reduction in CSBG funding for 2012. The Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) received official notice from TDHCA in December 2011 that the department would receive level funding for 2012 and not a 50% reduction. CSBG level funding allows for the continued support of personnel who conduct CSBG activities/services. The grant appropriation in the 2011-2012 budget is \$458,052. The requested increase represents

the difference between the grant appropriation of \$458,052, which was previously approved, and the grant award amount of \$990,165.

No performance increase is expected in the basic needs, case management, employment support and preventive health activities.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.