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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	33418	Agenda Number	22.
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Meeting Date:	6/26/2014	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$89,391 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, and amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to appropriate \$89,391 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 \$89,391 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The grant period is January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 09, 2013, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund Ordinance No. 20130909-001.
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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.

TDHCA had initially estimated the 2014 CSBG allocation to be \$904,571 based upon expected reductions due to sequestration. On April 22, 2014, the Health and Human Services Department received official notice from TDHCA of the final 2014 allocation that was an \$89,391 increase over the original estimate. These ongoing funds allow for continued support of personnel who conduct CSBG activities/services, and provision of direct client assistance to

help individuals achieve self-sufficiency and transition out of poverty.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant. This amendment will not affect performance measures.