

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council - Commissioners Court Meeting	Item ID	35527	Agenda Number	26.
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Meeting Date:	9/25/2014	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$63,390 in additional grant funds from the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, WASHINGTON, D.C. and amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to appropriate \$63,390 for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS services program that provides rental, mortgage, utility, and supportive services to people with the human immunodeficiency virus.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$63,390 is available from the Department of Housing and Urban Development by way of a contract with Neighborhood Housing and Community Development. The grant period is from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. No City match is required.

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.
For More Information:	Stephanie Hayden, Assistant Director for Community Services, 972-5017; Greg Bolds, Health Resources Administration Manager, 972-5081; Elena Shemilina, Agenda Coordinator 972-5010.
Boards and Commission Action:	Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council reviewed HOPWA funding to be used for purchase of housing services for people living with AIDS/HIV.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant funds in the amount of \$1,112,390 for HIV-related housing services to provide in the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA). The EMSA includes Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, and Caldwell counties. Services under the HOPWA grant include short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance, tenant-based rental assistance, housing placement, and residential housing supportive services for HIV positive clients living in a qualified residential setting. Our annual grant award is formula driven and is a function of the total amount of HOPWA housing funds appropriated by the U.S. Congress and the reported number of AIDS cases. HUD/HOPWA grant funds may expend over three (3) years from the date of the annual grant award. The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

While the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office is the single point of contact with HUD, the City designates the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department as the program administrator for the HOPWA program. As part of the HUD required citizen participation plan, input from the community was received which resulted in continued support of both the Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance, and Residential Supportive Services programs.

The approved Fiscal Year 2013-2014 City of Austin Annual Plan includes HOPWA funding as follows:

Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance	\$ 792,388
Residential Supportive Services	\$ 286,631
Administration	<u>\$ 33,371</u>
	\$ 1,112,390

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

HHSD Related Departmental Goal:

Promotion/Prevention/Protection Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

OUTPUT MEASURE:

Approximately 377 unduplicated eligible households will receive rent, mortgage, and/or utility assistance in varying amounts depending on demonstrated need. One unit=One dollar of Rent, Mortgage, Utility assistance plus a 7% transaction fee.

Approximately 49 unduplicated eligible households will receive residential housing and support services. One unit=One day of residential housing and support services including meals, transportation, life skills training, counseling and assistance in locating long-term housing.

OUTCOME MEASURES:

Maintain the percentage of homeless persons who receive case management that move into safe and stable housing at a minimum level of 60%