

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council - Commissioners Court Meeting	Item ID	36521	Agenda Number	33.
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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 \$186,347 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, DIVISION OF PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS, TB/HIV/STD/VIRAL HEPATITIS UNIT, and amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund to appropriate funds to the following programs: Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Surveillance Program, Sexually Transmitted Disease/HIV Control Program, Refugee Health Services Program, Federal Tuberculosis (TB) Control and Outreach Program, State TB Elimination Program, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program/Community Preparedness Signature Program, Immunization Outreach Program, Influenza Incidence Surveillance Project Program, and the Office of Public Health Practice Program.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$186,347 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The grant period is September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 09, 2013, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund Ordinance No. 20130909-001.
For More Information:	Carlos Rivera, Director, Health and Human Services Department, 972-5010; Shannon Jones, Deputy Director, 972-5410; Stephanie Hayden, Assistant Director, 972-5017; Janet Pichette, Unit Manager, Epidemiology and Health Statistics Unit, 972-5486; Elena Shemilina, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5010.
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Additional Backup Information

The Texas Department of State Health Services awarded the Health and Human Services Department a bundle contract with nine grant addendums totaling \$4,365,845 in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 budget appropriation for the following programs: HIV Surveillance Program, Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD)/HIV Control Program, Refugee Health Services Program, Federal Tuberculosis (TB) Control and Outreach Program, State TB Elimination Program, Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program/Community Preparedness Signature (CPS) Program, Immunization Outreach Program, Influenza Incidence Surveillance Project Program, and the Office of Public Health Practice Program.

The requested increase of \$186,347 represents the difference between the total current grant appropriations \$4,179,498 and the total grant award of \$4,365,845. This contract allows HHSD to provide the following services:

1. The STD/HIV Control Program and HIV Surveillance Program provide clinical and preventative services to the community to reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases, address the goal of promoting a healthy community by preventing chronic and communicable diseases, and promote improvements in social/economic/environmental factors that will result in an improved overall health status and a reduction of health disparities. The STD/HIV Program is a core activity. Performance measures will not be affected.
2. The Federal TB Control and Outreach Program, State TB Elimination Program provide basic services for tuberculosis prevention, control, and outreach to individuals of identified sub-groups who have TB or who are at high risk of developing TB in the Travis County service area, and address the goal of promoting a healthy community, which reflects social equity. This will be achieved through TB prevention and protection, provision of services, and promotion of TB awareness. TB elimination is a core activity and is mandated in Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The Austin/Travis County TB Program has a full-service clinic to evaluate patients for TB infection, treat the disease, and has additional staff that provides contact investigation and outreach to TB cases and their contacts. Performance measures will not be affected by the increase.
3. The Refugee Health Services Program provides preventive health education and navigation of the U.S. health care system, and addresses patient medical conditions, including treatments and outcomes for refugees.
4. The Influenza Incidence Surveillance Project Program conducts influenza surveillance within the community and monitors the circulating strains of the influenza virus.
5. The PHEP/CPS Program provides services for the continuation of PHEP Program activities defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and is categorized to address nine public health preparedness goals.
6. The Office of Public Health Practice Program assists in the funding of programs that address the provision of meeting or completing essential public health services and activities in order to address local public health objectives. The program also provides for the provision of public education outreach to the community in order to promote awareness of chronic health issues, access to clinical and social services, and the empowerment of the community to make more informed decisions regarding reproductive/sexual health.
7. The Immunizations Outreach Program provides immunization services in Travis County that include direct clinical vaccinations, coordination for the Vaccines for Children Program, perinatal hepatitis B case management, childcare immunization audits, health education, and technical support.

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.