

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	38092	Agenda Number	43.
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Meeting Date:	12/11/2014	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$63,354 in additional funds from the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT through a contract with NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to appropriate \$63,354 for the HOPWA 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 \$63,354 is available from the Department of Housing and Urban Development by the way of a contract with Neighborhood Housing and Community Development. The grant period is from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 25, 2014, Council approved an ordinance to accept additional HOPWA funds for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Item ID 35527. Agenda Number No. 26.
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 \$1,112,354 for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-related housing services to provide in the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA). The EMSA includes the counties of Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, and Caldwell. 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.

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 proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 City of Austin HIV Consortium plan includes HOPWA funding distribution as follow:

Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance	\$ 730,442
Residential Supportive Services	\$ 286,631
Administration	\$ 33,371
Unallocated (service category to be determined)	<u>\$ 61,910</u>
	\$ 1,112,354

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 245 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%.