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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	38089	Agenda Number	40.
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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 an additional \$23,745 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS through the HOMELESS HOUSING AND SERVICES PROGRAM, and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to appropriate \$23,745 for the delivery of homeless services.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$23,745 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Housing and Homeless Services Program (HHSP). The HHSP grant period for these funds is October 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September, 2014, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget, Special Revenue Fund Ordinance No. 20140908-001.
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) was authorized by the Texas Legislature in the 81st Legislative Session. It was the first program that authorized state funding for homeless services and homelessness prevention. Through HHSP, the State appropriates funding to the eight largest cities in Texas according to population.

On October 30, 2014, the City received notification of an additional \$23,745 resulting in an increase in funding to \$512,272 from the previous year's authorization of \$488,527.

The City's Health and Human Services Department will allocate funding to continue the Safe Sleep program for women and families through a contract with the Salvation Army and support the federal Emergency

Solutions Grant program with financial assistance through a contract with Front Steps, Inc. Performance Measures will be determined as the contract is developed with Contractors.

Related Departmental Goal: Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.

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.