

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	38826	Agenda Number	13.
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Meeting Date:	2/12/2015	Department:	Health and Human Services
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**Subject**

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$13,900 in additional grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to appropriate \$13,900 for the refugee health grant.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding in the amount of \$13,900 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 08, 2014, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund Ordinance No. 20140908-001.
For More Information:	Carlos Rivera, Director, Health and Human Services Department, 972-5010; Shannon Jones, Deputy Director, 972-5410; Saeed Azadi, Unit Manager, Communicable Disease Unit, 972-5413; Elena Shemilina, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5010.
Boards and Commission Action:	
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**Additional Backup Information**

Since 1995, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has been allocating federal funds to the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (Health and Human Services) for the provision of comprehensive health screening services to newly arriving official refugees. Currently all services are provided with only grant funds.

DSHS has awarded Health and Human Services an additional \$13,900 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, bringing the grant award to \$1,479,900. The number of official refugees served by the Refugee Clinic located in Austin, Texas increased by forty-six percent from July 2013 to July 2014. This increased funding through the Infectious Disease Intervention and Control Branch of the Texas Department of State Health Services will help meet the program's objectives of protecting, preventing, and monitoring the community for preventable diseases by providing vaccines, laboratory testing translation services and health screening services for this high-risk population. Performance measures shall remain the same. The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.