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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	47628	Agenda Number	13.
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Meeting Date:	8/6/2015	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$123,325 in additional grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, AUSTIN, TEXAS, and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance 20140908-001) to appropriate \$123,325 for the Refugee Health grant.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$123,325 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The grant period is September 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. A City match is not required.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 8, 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:	Shannon Jones, Director, Health and Human Services Department, 972-5010; Janet Pichette, Acting Assistant Director, 972-5486; Saeed Azadi, Unit Manager, Communicable Disease Unit, 972-5413; Elena Shemilina, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5010.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

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

HHSD was granted an additional \$123,325 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, bringing the grant award to \$1,603,225. This increased funding through the Infectious Disease Intervention and Control Branch of TDSHS will help meet the increasing demand for services and achieves 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 the high-risk population.

Performance measures shall remain the same.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, HHSD's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.

Performance Measures

Related Department Goal

The purpose of the Refugee Health Grant is to improve quality of life and reduce the onset of preventable conditions.

Related Performance Measures include:

- Percentage of refugees screened for communicable diseases within 90 days of arrival in the Austin/Travis County Area
- Number of refugees that receive health screening within 90 days of arrival
- Number of refugee patient-visits at the Refugee Clinic