

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	49440	Agenda Number	30.
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Meeting Date:	9/17/2015	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$200,000 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, AUSTIN, TEXAS, and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance 20140908-001) to appropriate \$200,000 for the addition of one full-time equivalent position to conduct infectious disease preparedness and response activities.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. A City match is not required. The grant period is September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action: On September 9, 2014, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget, Special Revenue Fund Ordinance No. 20140909-001.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

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Additional Backup Information

The Emerging and Acute Infectious Disease Branch of the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is awarding funding to enhance the City's epidemiological capacity, which refers to infectious disease preparedness and response efforts. The funding will support personnel, fringe benefits, equipment, supplies, training, travel, and other indirect costs. This funding opportunity is separate from any other existing epidemiological capacity contracts in place with DSHS.

This funding is intended to:

- Provide an epidemiologist to conduct infectious diseases preparedness and outbreak response activities;
- Improve and assure operational readiness for infectious disease; and
- Assure collaboration, coordination, and partnership with the local health care system and laboratories to assist in the development of infectious disease preparedness and response capability.

This amendment will affect the following performance measures:

- The number of cases investigated that result in an intervention strategy.
- Number of Emergency Response Plans reviewed annually.
- Ensure one epidemiologist per 100,000 people.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant or to the funding of this position. When the grant funds expire, the Health and Human Services Department's need for the position will be evaluated and the position may be eliminated.

