

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	49418	Agenda Number	10.
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Meeting Date:	10/15/2015	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance 201509010-001) to authorize two full-time equivalent positions to the 1115 Medicaid Waiver Funded Project in order to provide comprehensive immunization services for high-risk adults, beginning October 1, 2015.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$270,512 is included in the Fiscal Year 2015-16, 1115 Medicaid Waiver budget. Continued funding is contingent on successful contract performance and available funding in future 1115 Medicaid Waiver budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action: On August 2, 2012, Council approved a Resolution (Resolution No. 20120802-029) supporting participation in the Federal 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The 1115 Medicaid Waiver Funded Project, also known as the Delivery System Reform Incentive for Payment (DSRIP), focuses on immunizations for adult populations that have an increased risk for vaccine-preventable diseases. These populations may include, but are not limited to, clients seeking: (1) homeless services and support; (2) day labor services; (3) substance abuse treatment services; (4) free or low cost medical care; (5) treatment for sexually transmitted diseases including HIV; and (6) clients enrolled in transitional housing or support systems, including the recently incarcerated.

The outreach immunization services have grown at a rapid pace and demand now exceeds our current capacity to meet the needs of the community. The Immunization Project Plan includes expanding services to high-risk populations and increasing collaboration by adding one community partner annually. Within the first year, the current Community Outreach Nurse and temporary Patient Representative far exceeded this modest goal and successfully collaborated with 12 organizations. Immunization services provided over 4900 encounters and administered over 10,480 vaccines. By serving the community that includes a high number of the uninsured population, the project is preventing the spread of disease, eliminating barriers to access, and lowering health care costs in the Austin/Travis County area.

Outreach clinics require substantially more resources than traditional brick-and-mortar clinical operations. For example, vaccines and medical supplies have to be transported safely, and operations have to be set-up and taken down on a routine basis. Medical records and data are entered following the outreach clinic visit clinic, requiring additional logistical considerations and time.

The additional two full-time equivalent positions that will consist of a Licensed Vocational Nurse and a Patient Representative will ensure that our DSRIP metrics are fulfilled. By increasing our capacity to provide adult immunization services to current community partners and continue new partnership growth, the project will continue on a successful trajectory.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Output Measure:

Number of Clients Served Annually: 3500

Outcome Measure:

Number of high risk adults screened, educated, and immunized against vaccine preventable diseases.

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOAL: Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.