



# Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department



*The role of public health is to:*

**PROMOTE** community-wide wellness,

**PREVENT** disease, and

**PROTECT** the community from infectious diseases, environmental hazards, and epidemics

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## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

### Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department FY16 New Funding

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## Background

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- **City Council made significant new investments in public health and human services in the FY 15-16**
- **This Presentation outlines the programmatic expansions anticipated under three council directives:**
  - **Public Health Infrastructure and programming,**
  - **Social Service contracts, and**
  - **Health Equity/Quality of Life Initiatives**



# Health Department Infrastructure

## \$2.5 million

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### **Chronic Disease - \$259,411**

- Tobacco control activities, obesity prevention, diabetes prevention and education, data analysis, epidemiology, and special focus on disparate populations

### **Health Equity/Quality of Life - \$230,509**

- Ensure health programs and services provided to the community are culturally and linguistically appropriate
- Additional staff for the Quality of Life initiatives with focus on African American, Hispanic and Asian populations



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### **Communicable Disease - \$342,222**

- Additional investigative staff
- 25% increase in case management for HIV clients to ensure follow up for treatment and support services referral

### **Epidemiology and Disease - \$322,089**

- New positions will provide critical capacity to conduct epidemiologic investigation and disease surveillance activities for over 70 notifiable conditions
- The addition of 2 Epidemiologists in FY16 will put Austin/Travis County at 80% of optimal capacity recommended by The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists



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### **Maternal Child and Adolescent Services – \$338,014**

- Expansion of teen pregnancy prevention programs with a focus on the highest disparate populations
- Addition of case management to the program services

### **Neighborhood Services - \$295,569**

- Additional direct service staff to provide preventive health and management of center operations



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### **Department Infrastructure - \$478,864**

- Additional staff to provide support for expansion of existing programs and outreach efforts
- Lease space procurement

### **Social Service Contract administration - \$233,322**

- Additional staff to monitor current and additional funding allocated for both Social Service and Health Equity contracts
- Monitoring capacity of contracted agencies will be increased by 20%



# Health Equity Contracts

## \$1.05 million

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### **Maternal and Infant Health - \$390,000**

- Develop and implement culturally specific, holistic, programs that prioritize communities most directly impacted by maternal health inequities
- Reduce common barriers to care such as language, transportation and family support

### **African American Health Disparities - \$410,000**

- Develop and implement faith and community-based, culturally specific risk screening and risk reduction intervention models that support behavior change through education and social supports with the goal of reducing rates of HIV infection, chronic disease, and sickle cell for African Americans



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### **Services for Elderly - \$50,000**

- Develop and implement culturally specific, community-based services that focus on physical, emotional, mental and social well-being of elderly people

### **LGBT People of Color Sexual Health and Wellness - \$100,000**

- Develop and implement nontraditional, culturally specific interventions that focus on the physical, emotional, mental and social well-being of LGTB people of color to help remove stigma and other barriers to care and reduce rates of HIV infection and chronic disease



# Health Equity Contracts

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### **Immigrant Mental Health - \$100,000**

- Develop and implement nontraditional, interdisciplinary, culturally specific, and community-based health programs that address basic needs and provide concrete tools to help immigrants develop social support strategies to positively affect physical and mental health over the life span

# Social Service Contracts

## \$1.825 million

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### HHSD Plan

- The first priority for this funding is to maintain the level of services provided in FY15 by raising contract values to account for the increase in the cost of living
- HHSD will gather input from social service agencies to determine the most effective and efficient ways to expand for the remainder of FY16



# One Time Appropriation - \$400,000

## Healthy food retail and Healthy food options

- HHSD is working in collaboration with the Office of Sustainability to implement multiple food strategies in the retail setting
- The goal is to ensure fresh foods are available to citizens in the communities where they live.
- Specific interventions include:
  - \$150,000 for a Healthy Corner Store Initiative focused in 78744 and 78745
  - \$100,000 to support mobile farm stands.
  - \$100,000 to support the SNAP Double Dollar Incentive Program at local farmers markets
  - \$50,000 for staff support



# Ongoing Appropriation - \$740,000

## Rental Assistance

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### **Rental Assistance - \$740,000**

- The goal of the program is to stabilize the client's housing by providing supports
- The target is homeless and/or housed clients who are or are about to be experiencing a housing crisis
- This program will provide comprehensive case management and basic needs services such as rent, utility assistance and/or housing supports



# Questions?

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