

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	55462	Agenda Number	3.
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Meeting Date:	3/3/2016	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$90,260 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, AUSTIN, TEXAS, and amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20150908-001) to authorize the appropriation of \$90,260 for the addition of 1.0 full-time equivalent position for the coordination of HIV medical care services.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$90,260 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The grant period is January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. A City funding match is not required.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On September 8, 2015, Council approved Ordinance No. 201509-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget.
For More Information:	Shannon Jones, Director, Health and Human Services Department, 972-5010; Saeed Azadi, Unit Manager, Communicable Disease Unit, 972-5413; Elena Lloyd, Agenda Coordinator 972-5033.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
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Additional Backup Information

The Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) allocates federal pass-through funds for the sexually transmitted diseases (STD/HIV) Grant to assist the City's Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) to provide clinical and preventive services to the community to reduce the incidence of STDs. Program objectives focus on the reduction and elimination of syphilis, and the prevention and reduction of the HIV, gonorrhea, chlamydia and other STDs within Travis County.

HHSD was granted an additional \$90,260 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to fund one full-time employee, a Data to Care Program Coordinator, who will identify, locate, and link care for those individuals who have had no HIV-medical care services, or been out of care for a minimum of six months. In addition, this employee will support the front line supervisor in complex and adverse case management situations. The additional funding brings the grant award to \$440,260, and will help achieve the goal of improving quality of life and reduce the years of potential life lost due to preventable conditions.

No performance measures will be affected.

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 this position will be evaluated and the position may be eliminated.

