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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	62433	Agenda Number	11.
Meeting Date:	9/22/2016		Department:	Health and Human Services	
Subject					
Approve an amendment to an interlocal agreement with the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES to purchase human immunodeficiency virus medication as part of the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project grant, for a six-month term from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$800,000.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund, Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Services grant. The grant period is March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	On September 8, 2015, Council approved Ordinance No. 20150908-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget. January 28, 2016, Council approved the authorization and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Texas Department of State Health Services.				
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	The Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council on September 22, 2015 allocated grant funds according to demonstrated need.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					

Additional Backup Information

The purpose of the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Program is to provide support to HIV/AIDS clients residing in the five-county Austin Transitional Grant Area (TGA), which includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson county. The program strives to assure access to primary medical care and medications, and provide critical support services necessary to maintain individuals in the system of HIV care. These services are provided in partnership with local AIDS services organizations and Community-based organizations.

The grantor is the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an Agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. HRSA has authorized specific HIV-service categories for allocation of Part A funds. One of these HRSA-defined categories is the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), a State-administered program authorized under Part B of the Ryan White Grant Program that provides Federal Drug Administration-approved medications to low-income individuals with HIV who have limited or no coverage from private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare. The Ryan White HIV Planning Council has allocated funds to this service category and the Texas

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) administers these funds in order to provide medications to individuals qualifying for this service.

This proposed amendment with DSHS is for an amendment amount not to exceed \$400,000, and a cumulative, total contract amount not to exceed \$800,000. The cost of providing HIV medications increases each year, and the purchase of medications through this agreement counteracts rising medical costs and the demand for HIV medications for the growing number of HIV clients in the area. DSHS will provide eligible clients residing in the Austin TGA the approved formulary medications supplied by ADAP.

This council item is time sensitive to ensure that the services are provided to the community. A delay in amending this contract may negatively impact the City's ability to meet the grant's performance measures and the funder may terminate, suspend, or reduce their contribution.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Output Measures:

Under this agreement, HHSD estimates that ADAP will be able to supply approximately 900 prescriptions for HIV medications at an average cost of \$445 per prescription for eligible clients residing in the five county Austin TGA.

Related Departmental Goal: Promotion/Prevention/Protection: Promote social services and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted population.

The budget office reviews all Department grant application requests prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.