



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$269,675 in additional grant funds from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20180911-001) to appropriate \$269,675 for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$269,675 is available from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. A City match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children is a preventative program that targets women and children below 185% of the federal poverty level. The program provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and nutritious foods to pregnant women, infants and children up to age five.

The grant also provides a lactation center for mothers with breastfeeding problems, a training center for local agency staff and other health providers to receive clinical experience working with breastfeeding mothers, and a statewide breastfeeding resource center for health providers to utilize for information and assistance when working with pregnant and breastfeeding women. The additional \$409,269 will be used for operating expenses.

The current approved grant appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget is \$6,087,000. The requested increase of \$269,675 represents the difference between the approved grant appropriation for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and the grant award of \$6,356,675.

The additional funds will be used to cover increases in personnel and operation costs, and are not expected to increase performance measures.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Austin Public Health Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.