



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2105, **Agenda Item #:** 20.

5/21/2020

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the FY 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to accept and appropriate \$1,477,193 CARES Act grant funds from the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs, Community Services Block Grant for the delivery of basic needs, case management, employment support, rent & utility assistance and preventive health services to low-income residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,477,193 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Community Services Block Grant. The contract period of this funding runs from May 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022. Funding is limited to the dates listed and will expire on September 30, 2022. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The City receives an annual formula-based Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The CSBG provides administrative support to a network of local Community Action Agencies that provide services to low-income residents. The City is considered the "Community Action Agency" for Travis County. The grant program provides funding for the delivery of basic needs, case management, preventive health and employment support services to low-income residents through the City's six neighborhood centers and three field offices.

The goal of the grant is to assist persons affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a two-year non-renewable grant that started Spring 2020 and will conclude on September 30, 2022. The funds are stipulated to be used to assist Austin/Travis County low-income residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This Council item is time sensitive to ensure contracts can be executed for services to persons affected by the COVID-19 pandemic throughout 2020 and 2022.

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.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment; Economic Opportunity and Affordability.