



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to accept and appropriate \$669,000 in grant funds from the Texas Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the Integrated HIV Programs for Health Departments to Support Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$669,000 is available from the Texas Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The contract period of this funding runs from June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This funding is provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) via the Texas Department of Health and Human Services (DSHS) for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 starting June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021, to support the development and implementation of programs tailored to ending the HIV epidemic in America.

Recent scientific advances in HIV prevention and treatment have made ending the HIV epidemic in America a realistic possibility. Under the leadership of President Trump, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (also known as HHS) has set an ambitious goal of reducing all new HIV infections by 75% in 5 years and by 90% by 2030. Reaching this target requires a coordinated national effort that will focus first on the 50 most affected U.S. jurisdictions, 48 counties, Washington DC, and San Juan PR as well as seven states.

With funding from CDC through DSHS, the "Integrated HIV Programs for Health Departments to Support Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States" will supplement the "Ending the HIV Epidemic" (also known as EHE) initiative and will build on the ongoing activities funded through the "Integrated HIV Surveillance and Prevention Programs for Health Departments" grant to strategically advance HIV prevention efforts.

This Council item is time sensitive to ensure contracts can be executed for the grant period.

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.

