



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2424, **Agenda Item #:** 47.

7/29/2020

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to accept and appropriate \$837,000 in grant funds from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Population Affairs for Optimally Changing the Map for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Tier 1 in Austin-Travis County.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$837,000 is available from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Population Affairs. The contract period of this funding runs from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. A City funding match is not required. A Fiscal Note is attached.

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Additional Backup Information:

This funding will be used to create and support the Del Valle Healthy Adolescent Project (DVHAP), which is a three-component intervention developed by Austin Public Health's Austin Healthy Adolescent (AHA) Program and the DVHAP partner organizations. The organizations that make up the Core DVHAP partners include: AHA, The University of Texas Health Science Center School of Public Health (also known as UTHealth), SAFE Alliance (also known as SAFE), Integral Care, El Buen Samaritano, and the Travis County Adolescent Health (also known as TCAH) Collaborative.

The project goals include improving the optimal health of adolescents in the Del Valle Independent School District (DVISD), and reducing teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections through: (1) effective sexual health education; (2) youth, family and community engagement in systems improvement; and (3) improving the support services system, which includes expanding support services for DVISD youth.

According to the Texas Education Agency 2019 Del Valle High School student profile, 84.9% are Hispanic and/or Latino, 8.9% are African American, 3.8% are White, 1.4% are two or more races and 74.4% are economically disadvantaged. Texas ranked 4th highest out of 50 states and the District of Columbia on final 2016 teen birth rates among females ages 15-19, with a rate of 31 births per 1,000 compared to 20.3 nationally. In Texas, 66% percent of all teen births were to Hispanic females under the age of 20 compared to 36% nationally [*U.S. Department of Commerce. (n.d.). U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 5-year American Community Survey B09001 & B01003, Census Tracts: 24.33,24.35,24.36,22.07,24.32 [Data set]*]. Additionally, Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) rates continue to rise throughout the US, where Texas ranks 20th with a rate of 517.6 per 100,000. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (also known as CDC) ranked Austin, Texas 56th among the 100 cities in America with the highest STI rates.

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.