



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1180, **Agenda Item #:** 28.

2/18/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to accept and appropriate \$265,628 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services for the Immunization Outreach Grant Program to increase and enhance logistical and clinical support for the immunization program in its goal to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus within Travis County.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount \$265,628 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The grant period is March 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. No City match is required. A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Austin Public Health Department (APH) received notice of a grant award of \$265,628 to begin on March 1, 2021. This grant focuses on active COVID-19 resource expansion for the immunization program. The program is proposing to onboard six temporary staff to support medical data entry, call center support, and vaccinations, to eligible clients. The current grant award will begin March 1, 2021 and end June 30, 2022. The grant application crosses two fiscal years (2020-2021 and 2021-2022) for the Texas Department of State Health Services (also known as DSHS).

APH Departmental Goal:

Logistical and clinical support for the immunization program in its goal to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus within Travis County.

Results Measures:

- Increased capacity to serve children and adults in Shots for Tots and Big Shots clinics
- Increased capacity to support staff and provide data entry into ImmTrac2 state immunization registry
- Increased capacity to expand call center appointment-taking system for immunization services

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's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.