

# OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

**DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

6/3/21

**CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):**

Austin Public Health

**FUND:**

Special Revenue

**SUBJECT:** 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 \$93,522 in grant funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Funds for the provision of rental assistance to prevent eviction of low-income Austin/Travis County residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:**

	2020-21 Approved	This Action	2020-21 Amended
Special Revenue Fund			
Community Services Block Grant (Discretionary Funds)			
Grant Period: 02/2021-8/2021	1,091,856	93,522	1,185,378
Total	1,091,856	93,522	1,185,378
FTEs	16.00	0.00	16.00

**FIVE-YEAR IMPACT:**

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total Revenue	1,185,378	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	1,185,378	0	0	0	0
Net Impact	0	0	0	0	0

**ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The City receives an annual formula-based Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The CSBG grant 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 related 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 CSBG Discretionary Funds is to assist persons affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with rental assistance. This is a non-renewable grant that is available from February 11, 2021 to August 31, 2021. The funds are stipulated to be used to assist Austin/Travis County low-income residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with rental assistance. This item is time-sensitive to ensure contracts can be executed for services to be provided to persons affected by the COVID-19 pandemic through August 31, 2021.

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 continued funding will be evaluated and may be denied.