



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3326, **Agenda Item #:** 39.

11/18/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20210811-001) to accept and appropriate \$900,000 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services and to add 3.0 full-time equivalent grant-funded positions, for the Disease Intervention Specialists Supplemental Workforce Grant.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$900,000 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The grant period is January 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

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Additional Backup Information:

The grant funding related to this item is provided by Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the amount of up to \$600,000 for State Fiscal Year 2022 starting January 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022, and in the amount of \$300,000 for State Fiscal Year 2023 starting September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023. DSHS was awarded the grant funds from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

This action will also authorize the addition of 3.0 full-time equivalent grant-funded positions, which include the following:

- 1) Program Manager I,
- 2) Public Health Specialist II, and
- 3) Disease Surveillance Specialist.

The goals of the Disease Intervention Specialists Supplemental Workforce Grant programs are to support outbreak response needs by expanding Disease Intervention Specialists and frontline public health staff, conducting Disease Intervention Specialists workforce training, and building organizational capacity for outbreak response, in accordance with the CDC's requirements.

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.