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Resolution on monkeypox response

Whereas the City of Austin and Travis County have declared a public health emergency regarding the outbreak of monkeypox in our community, and

Whereas, the vaccine supply available to Austin Public Health is extremely limited which creates concerns in the community about prioritization and equity access, and

Whereas, Austin Public Health has provided information to the community suggesting up to a twenty-one day isolation period for persons diagnosed with monkeypox which creates a hardship for those who are economically disadvantaged and lack access to paid sick leave, and

Whereas, isolation is a critical factor in controlling the spread of this communicable disease to the community and requires advance planning for overcoming the barriers to isolation in order to provide a public information campaign that will encourage people to seek treatment,

Now therefore be it resolved that the LGBTQ Quality of Life Commission recommends to City Council that:

The City Manager be directed to identify funds for emergency short-term financial assistance to those who cannot afford to isolate for 28 days due to a monkeypox exposure or diagnosis, and

The City Manager be directed to present a plan for an emergency public information campaign to inform the community on monkeypox prevention, access to vaccinations, medical care, and isolation assistance, and

The City Manager be directed to provide a regular report to City Council on the status of vaccination utilization for Priority 1 clients as well as for Priority 2 clients and that the report also includes sexual orientation, gender identity, and intersex status (SOGI+) and other demographic data on those who have received the vaccine.