



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2872, Agenda Item #: 35.

9/15/2022

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to accept and appropriate an additional \$1,000,000 in grant funds from the United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants and to add 3.0 full-time equivalent grant positions, for the Refugee Health Grant.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 is available from the United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants for Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2023. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The goal of the United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants Refugee Health Grant is to provide health screening, assessment, referrals, and follow-up for Refugees, Cuban/Haitian Entrants, Asylees, victims of severe forms of trafficking certified by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement, and certain Iraqis and Afghans granted special immigrant status by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2023 grant budget includes three additional new grant-funded positions, which includes one Registered Nurse Senior full-time equivalent position, one Community Health Worker II full-time equivalent position, and one Disease Surveillance Specialist full-time equivalent position, which increases total grant staff from nine to 12 full-time equivalents. The Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2023 proposed grant award was increased by the grantor to \$2,904,797 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 grant amount of \$1,552,442.

Council approval will authorize acceptance of up to \$2,000,000 in United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants grant funds, and the increased Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2023 grant award requires authorization for an additional \$904,797 to accept the increased Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2023 grant award in the amount of \$2,904,797. We are asking for an additional authorization of \$95,203 for any potential grant increase in Federal Fiscal Year 2022-2023, for total authorization of \$3,000,000.

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, the Austin Public Health Department's need for these positions will be evaluated and the positions may be eliminated.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.