



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 22-3206, **Agenda Item #:** 29.

10/27/2022

### **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 \$17,650,000 in grant funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to add 13.0 full-time equivalent grant-funded positions, for the Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems Grant.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$17,650,000 is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the grant period of November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2027. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

Approval of this ordinance will authorize the addition of the following 13.0 full-time equivalent grant funded positions: Public Health Program Manager III, Epidemiologist Senior, IT Business Systems Analyst, Epidemiologist, Public Health Program Supervisor, Disease Surveillance Specialist, Emergency Plans Officer, Community Health Worker III, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator, Customer Service Representative, Grants Program Manager.

This grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will provide funding to improve critical public health infrastructure needs. COVID-19 has amplified the historical resource gap and underfunding of public health necessary to meet the public's evolving and complex needs. The Austin Public Health Department partnered with Williamson County and Cities Health District to submit the application for this grant, which will enable the Austin Public Health Department to address some critical shortages, including those related to epidemiology, public health preparedness, workforce development, community health worker certification and training, and data modernization.

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.