



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3454, **Agenda Item #:** 40.

12/8/2022

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 \$11,941,809 in grant funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to add 17.0 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 \$11,941,809 is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the grant period of December 1, 2022 to November 30, 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 17.0 full-time grant-funded positions.

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.