



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3617, **Agenda Item #:** 42.

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 \$108,716 in additional grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$108,716 is available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant period is October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded grant funds for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program in the amount of \$2,358,716 for HIV-related housing services to be provided in the Austin Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area, which includes Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, and Caldwell counties. The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program grant services include short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, tenant-based rental assistance, housing placement, and residential housing supportive services for HIV-positive clients living in a qualified residential setting. The City annual grant award is formula-driven and a function of the total amount of Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program housing funds appropriated by the U.S. Congress and the reported number of AIDS cases in the Austin Transitional Grant Area. The grant funds may be expended over three years from the date of the annual grant award. As part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development required citizen participation plan, community feedback was received and led to the continued support of programs for rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, and residential supportive services.

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.