Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1149, **Agenda Item #:** 35. 2/9/2023

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 $555,426 in grant funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Mpox response activities.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of $555,426 is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this item will provide funding to expand vaccination services and implement other Mpox (also referred to as monkeypox) response activities. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has awarded Mpox response funding to multiple jurisdictions in the United States. Funds will be made available to immediately implement response activities, including vaccination, community engagement, case and cluster investigation, increasing timeliness and completeness of data reporting cases and vaccination, and other Mpox response-related activities. Recipients will operate under a budget and performance period from December 16, 2022 to January 31, 2025. Jurisdictions must create a work group to manage these activities, that includes at least one person from immunization, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV, and communicable disease programs, as well as other relevant programs that address Mpox control in disproportionately impacted communities. This work group will coordinate activities and recommend the distribution of funds to relevant programs as appropriate, to implement prioritized activities.

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):

Health and Environment, Government that Works For All, Safety.