



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1348, **Agenda Item #:** 44.

3/23/2023

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 \$83,720 in additional grant funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Homeless Housing and Services Program, Homeless Youth Set-Aside.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$83,720 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Homeless Housing and Services Program. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

December 8, 2022 - Council approved Resolution No. 20221208-048, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

On July 13, 2022, the City received notification of the 2023 allocation of funding for Austin in the amount of \$165,044 for the program period September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023. On January 17, 2023, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs notified the City it was awarded \$83,720 in additional funding for the Youth Set-Aside Program due to the program's continued high performance.

The Homeless Housing and Services Program, Homeless Youth Set-Aside funding was authorized by the Texas Legislature in House Bill 1, passed during the 86th Legislative Session. Rider 16 provides direction regarding the funding that states: "Funding to Address Youth Homelessness. From funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.1, Poverty-Related Funds, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall designate \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year for the purpose of assisting regional urban areas having a population of 285,500 or more, in providing services to unaccompanied homeless youth and homeless young adults 24 years of age and younger. Eligible services may include case management, emergency shelter, street outreach, and transitional living. The agency shall distribute these funds through the Housing and Homeless Services Program."

The Austin Public Health Department will allocate Homeless Housing and Services Program funding for emergency shelter services, case management, street outreach, and housing assistance for homeless youth and young adults up to age 24 through our partnership with Youth and Family Alliance (LifeWorks). Performance measures will be negotiated during contract development.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute 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.