



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1395, **Agenda Item #:** 49.

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 \$1,362,281 in additional grant funds from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and add 3.0 full-time equivalent positions for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,362,281 is available from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. A City match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

July 29, 2021 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20210729-061, on an 11-0 vote.

April 8, 2021 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20210408-015, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Renteria absent.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children is a preventative program that serves women and children at or below 185% of the federal poverty income level. The program provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and nutritious foods to pregnant women, infants, and children up to age five.

The Fiscal Year 2022-2023 approved appropriation for this grant is \$7,500,000. The additional funds totaling \$1,362,281 will be used to cover personnel and operation costs and are not expected to increase performance measures.

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.