



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1780, **Agenda Item #:** 18.

5/4/2023

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 authorize 2.5 full-time equivalent grant-funded positions for Mpox response activities.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

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

Prior Council Action:

February 9, 2023 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20230209-035 accepting \$555,426 in a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's MPOX Crisis Response Grant on Council Member Harper-Madison's motion, Council Member Qadri's second without objection.

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Additional Backup Information:

This grant provides funding to expand vaccination services and implement other Mpox (monkeypox) response activities. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 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 immunizations, 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 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.