



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2256, **Agenda Item #:** 110.

7/20/2023

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 \$10,000 in additional grant funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service to implement the AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America Program.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$10,000 is available from the Corporation for National and Community Service. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

July 28, 2022 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20220728-79 amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20210811-001) to accept and appropriate \$10,000 in additional grant funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service for the AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America Program, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Fuentes off the dais.

October 5, 2017 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20171005-013 amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to accept and appropriate \$315,000 to implement the AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America Program, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America is a national service program designed to fight poverty through the utilization of Volunteers in Service to America members who commit to serve full-time for a year at a non-profit organization or local government agency for capacity and sustainability building initiatives that deal with community issues like literacy, health services, economic development, and neighborhood-building.

AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America members are nationally recruited college graduates who receive a monthly living stipend, health benefits, and an educational award at the end of their term of service paid by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Corporation for National and Community Service assigns the AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America members to various community agencies.

The primary purpose of this grant is for the Corporation for National and Community Service to provide the City of Austin with up to 19 AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America members to perform volunteer services to

strengthen and supplement efforts to eliminate poverty and poverty-related human, social, and environmental problems in Austin. These additional funds will be used for administrative costs necessary to implement the AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America Program.

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.