



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3624, **Agenda Item #:** 41.

1/18/2024

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20230816-008) to accept and appropriate \$1,077,639 in additional grant funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems Grant.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,077,639 is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

December 8, 2022- Council approved Ordinance No. 20221208-040 to accept and appropriate \$11,941,809 in grant funds for the Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems Grant, on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Kelly voting nay.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant will provide funding to improve critical public health infrastructure needs. COVID-19 has amplified the resource gap and historically underfunding of public health to meet evolving and complex needs. This grant will enable the Austin Public Health Department to begin to address some critical shortages in epidemiology, public health preparedness, workforce development, Community Health Worker certification and training, and data modernization. This action adds \$1,077,639 to the previously approved Fiscal Year 2023 grant budget of \$11,941,809 for a new total grant award of \$13,019,448.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, Austin Public Health Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.