



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-3975, **Agenda Item #:** 53.

2/29/2024

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 \$31,500 in additional grant funds from the National Environmental Health Association and U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$31,500 is available from the National Environmental Health Association and U.S. Food and Drug Administration. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action

February 9, 2023 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20230209-034 amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to accept and appropriate \$26,000 in grant funds from the National Environmental Health Association and U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program, was approved on consent without objection.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Austin Public Health (APH) has been awarded the Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant from the National Environmental Health Association and U.S. Food and Drug Administration. This project will enable work on the Retail Program Standards 1-8, work towards meeting Retail Program Standard 9, and allow APH to be a Mentee for 2024.

Project Summary: APH is working diligently to conform with Retail Program Standards 4 and 6 by adjusting policies, processes, and documentation. APH will implement a risk factor study to allow the exploration and identification of any common foodborne illness risk factor violations within the City's retail food establishments and strategize interventions to reduce them. APH is requesting to be a Mentee for 2024 to provide for accountability and facilitate long term commitment to the Retail Program Standards by both departments and building in long-term success of our Retail Program Standards program by attending the Self-Assessment and Verification Assessment Workshops and the Association of Food and Drug Officials Conference.

The grant period is from January 8, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

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.

