

2018-2019 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Financial Services – Budget

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REQUEST: Are any federal or state funds provided to the City being cut in the FY 2019 budget? Are there any at risk of being cut?

RESPONSE:

In the FY 2019 proposed budget, Austin Public Health is not expecting to receive continued funding for one grant and is receiving significantly reduced funding for one grant. These grants are detailed below:

- Texas Healthy Adolescent Initiative: The objectives of this grant are to enhance youth engagement practice among service providers; increase youth leadership and community involvement; and collaboratively implement best practice demonstration projects in youth engagement, with the goal of reducing the incidence of HIV/STDs and teen pregnancy among Travis County adolescents. In FY 2018, \$122,000 in funding was received. No funding is anticipated in FY 2019.
- Refugee Health Screening: The purpose of this grant is to screen newly arriving refugees for communicable and infectious diseases within 90 days of arrival to protect the community from infectious diseases, environmental hazards, and epidemics. The grantor has reduced funding for this grant in each of the last two years due to the decrease in the number of refugees being admitted to the United States. In FY 2017, 1,854 clients were screened while only an estimated 700 will be screened by the end of FY 2018. In FY 2019, a projected 500 clients will be screened. In FY 2017, \$2,027,000 In FY 2018, \$1,526,000 in funding was received. Funding in FY 2019 is anticipated to be reduced by \$153,000, for a total of \$1,373,000.

Overall, Austin Public Health has a reasonable expectation of receiving \$34.2 million in grant funding in FY 2019. If all grants being applied for in FY 2019 are awarded, this would represent an increase of \$1.2 million from the funding received in FY 2018. The decreased funding from the discontinued and reduced grants are potentially offset by new and increased grant awards.