

AGENDA



Thursday, August 23, 2007

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 6

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$89,059 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, Austin, TX; and amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20060911-001 to appropriate \$89,059 for a total grant amount of \$368,059 for the Tuberculosis Elimination and Control program to provide basic services for tuberculosis prevention and control.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Infectious Disease Intervention and Control Branch, Austin, TX. The grant period is September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Prior Council Action: Approval of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget on September 11, 2006.

The Tuberculosis and Control Program's purpose is to provide clinical and intervention services to the community in order to reduce the incidence of disease. The Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) allocates state funds for the development and provision of basic services for tuberculosis (TB) prevention and control and expanded outreach services to individuals of identified sub-groups who have TB or who are at high risk of developing TB throughout Travis County.

The TDSHS has awarded the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department the amount of \$368,059 for the grant period September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008. This grant amount includes one-time funding of \$40,000 to provide TB services to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita evacuees. The current approved appropriation in the 2006-2007 budget is \$279,000. The requested increase of \$89,059 represents the difference between the approved grant appropriation of \$279,000 and the grant award amount of \$368,059.

The additional funds will be used to cover cost increases associated with the grant. The one-time funding will be used to (1) purchase a sputum booth, (2) purchase shelving for client files, (3) purchase an automated phone system to remind clients of appointment dates and times, and (4) fund temporary staff to cover for regular employees during their sick leave and vacation absences. Use of the funds for these purposes has been approved by TDSHS.

Performance Measures

Related Goals -- Prevention: Health Services - Prevent the spread of communicable disease and reduce the risk of health complications due to disease and unhealthy behaviors.

No increases in performance are anticipated due to receipt of the additional grant funds.