

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 30, 2007

**Health and Human Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 15**

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**Subject:** Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$68,168 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS), TITLE V AND HEALTH RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, Austin, TX and amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20060911-001 to appropriate \$68,168 for a total grant amount of \$439,168 to provide a population-based intervention program to improve maternal and child health status in Austin/Travis County.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Title V and Health Resources Development Office, 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.

**For More Information:** Adolfo Valadez M.D., M.PH, Medical Director, 972-5408; Vanessa Metzger, Program Manager, 972-5465; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

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

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The grant award from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Title V and Health Resources and Development Office will address maternal and child health, access to and adequacy of prenatal care, teen pregnancy prevention, and low birth weight issues.

The City of Austin Health and Human Services Department initiated a population-based intervention program in Austin/Travis County to address maternal and child health issues including access to and adequacy of prenatal care and decreasing rates of sexually transmitted disease among high-risk adolescents with an 8-month grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Title V and Health Resources and Development Office. The overall goal of the program is to improve healthy birth outcomes, to reduce health disparities in birth outcomes and infant mortality, and to reduce total infant mortality in order to optimize health and well-being. The program is designed to improve birth outcomes and decrease infant mortality rates in the Austin/Travis County area (with emphasis in zip codes 78752, 78753, 78723, 78721, 78702, 78741) by decreasing the rates of sexually transmitted diseases (STD) in African American and Hispanic teens ages 13-17, and ensuring access to and adequate prenatal care to an increased number of African American and Hispanic childbearing women.

The program was recently notified of the new grant award amount of \$439,168, which will extend the program for a full one-year period, September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008. The new award amount is equal to the amount awarded in the prior grant period.

The current approved grant appropriation in the 2006-2007 budget is \$371,000. The requested increase of \$68,168 represents the difference between the approved grant appropriation of \$371,000 in the fiscal year 2006-2007 budget and the grant award of \$439,168.

The additional funds will be used to cover increases in personnel costs and to support a new prenatal care project, a No Way Baby conference and a Second Adolescent Health symposium. The funding will

allow HHSD to implement an additional 10 community changes and increase the number of sex education encounters to youth ages 12-17 by 100.