

AGENDA



Thursday, September 27, 2007

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 9

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$229,065 in grant funds from the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, Washington, D.C.; and amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance 20060911-001 to appropriate \$229,065 for the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration. The grant period is August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Vince Cobalis, Assistant Director for Human Services, 972-5011, Mark Peppler, HIV Resources Administration Manager, 972-5081, Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

Boards and Commission Action: The Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council recommended MAI target populations, service categories and funding allocations for the 2007-2008 MAI grant year.

Since 2000 the 5-county Austin eligible metropolitan area (EMA) received Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funds as a set-aside within the annual Ryan White Title I grant award. However, in 2006, the MAI was codified by the Congress under Title XXVI of the Public Health Services Act as amended by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006. As a result, the MAI now requires separate, competitive grants for eligible grantees funded under Part A (previously Title I) of the Ryan White Program for the purpose of improving HIV-related health outcomes to reduce existing racial and ethnic health disparities. While MAI funds are awarded as a separate grant, HRSA applies Part A legislative requirements to the MAI.

The Austin Transitional Grant Area (TGA, previously EMA) was awarded funds through the MAI grant application process for a three-year project period, August 1, 2007 to July 31, 2010. MAI funds awarded for the 2007-2008 grant budget period represent a 7.18% increase over the previous year. The project is designed to partner with local organizations for the provision of services. Planning for MAI services has occurred in the Austin Area since 2000, as part of the Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council's priority setting and resource allocation process. Ryan White Program Part A grantees must identify specific racial and ethnic minority communities to receive services funded by the MAI. In the Austin TGA, two communities have been identified as eligible for MAI-funded services: African American and Latino. On May 21, 2007, the Planning Council confirmed selection of these two racial and ethnic communities and approved a motion for service categories and funding amounts for the 2007-2008 MAI grant year.

The distribution of current Fiscal Year funds is as follow:

MAI award amount: \$229,065

Administrative Agency (10% of award): \$22,906

Quality Management (5% of award): \$11,453

Services Total: \$194,706

Case Management Non-Medical Tier II (80% of services): \$155,765

Outreach Services (20% of services): \$38,941

A request for applications (RFA) was released on August 20, 2007, for the selection of MAI service providers, and applications were due on September 17, 2007. Following selection of providers, an Recommendation for Council Action will be submitted requesting authorization to execute contracts for the period October 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008.

Related Goals:

Prevention: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations Outcome Measures:

80% of out-of-care HIV infected individuals who are identified through outreach will be successfully linked into primary medical care services.

80% of clients receiving case management services will receive primary medical care services according to HRSA's definition of care.