

AGENDA



Thursday, November 29, 2007

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 5

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$56,855 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, HIV/STD COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES BRANCH, Austin, TX; and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund, Ordinance No. 20070910-003 to appropriate \$56,855 for a total grant amount of \$250,855 for the Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Program to provide clinical and preventive services to the community to reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases and create one full-time equivalent grant position.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, HIV/STD Comprehensive Services Branch. The grant period is January 1, 2008 through December 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 2007-2008 Operating Budget on September 10, 2007.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) allocates federal pass-through funds to assist the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) in providing clinical and preventive services to the community in order to reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Program objectives focus on the reduction/elimination of syphilis and the prevention and reduction of immunodeficiency virus (HIV), gonorrhea, chlamydia and other STDs within Travis County.

Prevention and control of STDs is accomplished through collaborative efforts with other health department programs and successful community partnerships. Program objectives are accomplished, in part, through services provided at the STD clinic located at 15 Waller Street in the RBJ Health Center. Patients are tested, diagnosed and treated for STDs at the STD clinic. HHSD also tests for disease in outreach settings such as bathhouses, bars and adult and youth Travis County detention facilities, as well as specific locations in targeted areas of Austin where high-risk target populations are found.

HHSD requested, and it has been granted, an increase of one full-time equivalent (FTE) Public Health Program Specialist II and \$56,855 in funding by the granting agency beginning with the grant year January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. The new FTE will function as a Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) and will conduct STD/HIV case management including interviewing and field investigation to insure decreased disease transmission in the community.

The additional FTE employee will require extensive training and will be fully trained by the end of April 2008. With five months remaining before the City's fiscal year ends on September 30, 2008, the FTE is expected to increase the number of field investigations by 200 for a total of 3,400 field investigations in FY 2008.

Related Goals

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

Output: Number of field investigations increase from FY07--3,200 to FY08--3,400

Result measures will not be impacted by the increase in funding.

- The incidence rate of newly reported STDs in the community served per 100,000 population: 390.10
- Percent clients presenting for STD care will be offered exam/testing by the end of the following business day: 90