

AGENDA



Thursday, November 29, 2007

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

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$52,655 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 of Ordinance No. 20070910-003 to appropriate \$52,655 for a total grant amount of \$246,655 for the Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Program to provide clinical and preventive services to the community to reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases.

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, 2007 through December 31, 2007. 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 allocates federal pass-through funds to provide 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 is accomplished through collaborative efforts with other City of Austin Health and Human Services Department programs and successful community partnerships. Approximately 85 percent of the \$52,655 in additional funds will be used to reach targeted high-risk groups, including African American males with high-risk behaviors, through a social marketing campaign that is currently being utilized by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The remaining funds will be used to standardize client file-handling processes in the STD clinic, enhance staff education, and training regarding HIV/STD prevention and control.

Related Goals

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

Currently, no performance measures are related specifically to testing African Americans. Data for the full year of 2006 indicates that 359 African American men and women at high risk for disease were tested. With the additional funds, an additional 54 African Americans at high risk for disease will be tested in outreach settings bringing the total to 413 in 2008.