

## AGENDA



Thursday, November 29, 2007

**Health and Human Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 7**

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**Subject:** Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$7,203 from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, INFECTIOUS DISEASE INTERVENTION AND CONTROL 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 \$7,203 for a total grant amount of \$154,203 for the Tuberculosis Outreach Grant to provide tuberculosis prevention, control, and outreach services in Travis County.

**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 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.

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The purpose of the Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program 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. Over the last two years, TDSHS has decreased the funding for this grant.

This year, TDSHS is increasing grant funding in recognition of previous cuts. The grant funds provide for four Public Health Specialists to do directly observed therapy (DOT) for TB patients and suspects. DOT is direct observation of the patient taking the medication to ensure that the medication is taken. The Public Health Specialists also provide directly observed preventive therapy (DOPT) for high-risk patients, including household contacts to active cases, children under the age of five years, psychotic or suicidal patients, and some immunodeficiency virus positive patients. The additional funds will be used to pay the annual maintenance fee for a File Trail software system that will help speed-up handling of client files, reduce administrative costs, and standardize file handling processes in the TB clinic. Any remaining funds will be used for office supplies, training and pagers for the Public Health Program Specialists.

The additional funds will not directly affect performance levels.

**Related Goals**

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