

AGENDA



Thursday, November 29, 2007

Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Item No. 8

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of the additional \$132 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, Austin, TX for the Community Services Block Grant program (CSBG); and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20070910-003 to appropriate \$132 for a total grant amount of \$804,132 for a Community Services Block Grant program that provides basic needs and other self-sufficiency resources for low-income residents.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Community Services Block Grant program. The grant period is January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Shannon Jones, Asst. Director for Public Health and Community Services, 972-5416; Martin Harris, HHS Manager, 972-5655; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

Prior Council Action: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget on September 10, 2007.

The City of Austin receives an annual formula-based Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The CSBG grant provides administrative support to a network of local Community Action Agencies that provide services to very low-income persons. The City of Austin is considered the Community Action Agency for Travis County. The program provides funding for the delivery of basic needs, self-sufficiency/case-management and preventive health services for low-income residents through the City's six Neighborhood Centers.

The TDHCA-approved grant amount for the 2007 calendar year is \$803,132. Additionally, the City was presented with a monetary service award of \$1,000 by TDHCA for assisting individuals to transition out of poverty and maintaining an effective Case Management system. Thus, the total grant amount awarded for the 2007 calendar year is \$804,132. The City approved grant appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget is \$804,000. The requested increase of \$132 represents the difference between the approved grant appropriation of \$804,000 in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget and the total grant amount of \$804,132 awarded for the 2007 calendar year.

The additional funds will be used to cover increases associated with the grant and are not expected to increase performance measures.

Related Goals

Provision: Health Services—Deliver quality, safety-net health services in partnership with the community.

Prevention/Provision: Social Services—Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyles among targeted populations.

There is no anticipated increase in performance.