

AGENDA



Thursday, June 5, 2008

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 17

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$152,190 in grant funds from the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA), Washington, D.C.; and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance 20070910-003 to appropriate \$152,190 for the Ryan White Emergency Relief Project that provides medical and supportive services to people with the human immunodeficiency virus.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The grant period is from March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009. 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.

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

The purpose of the Ryan White Emergency Relief Project is to provide support to clients who have been affected by HIV and who reside in the five-county Transitional Grant Area (TGA) that includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. The program's goal is to assure access to primary medical care and medications as well as ensure the provision of critical support services necessary to maintain individuals in the system of care.

The City of Austin Health and Human Service Department (HHSD) received notice of a grant award on March 5, 2008 in the amount of \$3,538,190 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act Part A, HIV Emergency Relief Project Grant for the period of March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009. The current approved appropriation in the 2007-2008 budget is \$3,386,000. The requested increase of \$152,190 represents the difference between the approved grant appropriation of \$3,386,000 and the grant award amount of \$3,538,190.

This grant focuses on the delivery of ambulatory outpatient medical care, local drug reimbursement, oral health care, mental health services, substance abuse services, case management, home health services, and residential hospice, transportation and food bank services to persons living with HIV/AIDS. These services are provided in partnership with local organizations. The additional funds will be used to purchase HIV Outreach, Medical Nutrition Therapy, and Mental Health services. These services will be procured through a competitive request for application process. The impact on performance will be based on the results of the request for application process.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Related Department Goal

Promotion/Prevention/Protection: promote social services and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Outcome Measures

Medical Nutrition Therapy:

75% of clients receiving medical nutrition therapy services remain in or access primary medical care.

Medical Care:

80% of clients receiving medical nutrition therapy demonstrate improved nutritional status based on nutritional assessment.

Mental Health Services:

70% of clients comply and/or complete their prescribed treatment plan.

90% of clients served receive primary medical care services.

Outreach Services:

80% of HIV positive out-of-care persons identified are successfully referred into HIV primary medical care.