

AGENDA



Thursday, July 24, 2008

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 32**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$21,902 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT, Austin, TX; and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20070910-003 to appropriate \$21,902 for the delivery of basic needs, case management and preventive health services to low-income residents.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$21,902 is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Community Services Block Grant. The grant period is January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Vince Cobalis, Asst. Director, Human Services, 972-5011; Cathleen Rodriguez, Healthy Neighborhood Services Manager, 972-5092; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

Boards and Commission Action: Community Development Commission approved the Community Services Block Grant 2008 Budget, March 11, 2008.

Prior Council Action: Approved Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget, 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 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, case management, preventive health, and employment support services to low-income residents through the City's six (6) Neighborhood Centers.

The increased grant funds will allow for the purchase of school supplies and bus passes for employment interviews and medical appointments from the 2008 CSBG budget instead of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 HHSD operating budget. In addition, the increased funds will extend employment of the temporary public health nurse providing preventive health services within the Blackland neighborhood service area for a period of five months.

No performance increase is expected in the basic needs and public health nursing activities due to vacancies within the fiscal year.

Statement Required by Corporate Budget Office: All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.