

AGENDA



Thursday, July 24, 2008

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 33**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$59,620 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND CONTROL BRANCH, BUREAU OF HIV AND STD PREVENTION, 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 \$59,620 to conduct active surveillance and reporting of human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome cases in Travis County and to add one full-time equivalent position.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Infectious Disease Intervention and Control Branch, Bureau of HIV and STD Prevention. 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, September 10, 2007.

The City Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) has been awarded \$145,620 in funding and an increase of one full-time equivalent (FTE) Disease Surveillance Specialist position by the granting agency beginning with the grant year January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 to maximize the delivery of Surveillance/Morbidity reporting services to eligible clients.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) allocates federal pass-through funds for the active surveillance and reporting of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) cases throughout Travis County. The grant project addresses HHSD's mission to work in a partnership with the community to promote health, safety, and well-being. The overall goal of HHSD is to promote a healthy community, which reflects social equity. The added Disease Surveillance Specialist position will have quality assurance oversight and will assist DSHS by functioning part of the time as a resource person to other HIV Surveillance Specialists in Texas.

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.

PERFORMANCE

Related Departmental Goal:

Prevent the spread of communicable disease and reduce the risk of health complications due to disease and unhealthy behaviors.

Performance measures will not be affected by the additional grant funding and the additional FTE. The Disease Surveillance Specialist will focus on quality assurance issues and providing statewide educational and resource support to other HIV Disease Surveillance Specialists.