

BELOW LINE LANGUAGE:

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) allocates federal funds to the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) for the provision of services under the Primary Health Care (PHC) Program. The budget related to these services is now, part of, the Community Care Services Department (CCSD) budget.

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The PHC Program pays health care providers to provide access to primary health care services for people who are unable to access the same care through other funding sources or programs. These services include: emergency services, family planning services, preventive health services, (including immunizations), health education, and laboratory or other appropriate diagnostic services. Services are provided only through health care providers who have contracts with DSHS to provide PHC Program services. The program serves Texas residents at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Level who are not eligible for other programs that provide the same services.

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HHSD requested, and was granted, an increase in funding for the PHC Program in the amount of \$127,520 from DSHS for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. This action will allow acceptance by the City of this increased grant funding. The additional funding will allow CCSD to serve additional patients, procure related medical and office supplies, and purchase additional lab services.

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Statement Required by 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.

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