

AGENDA



Thursday, August 21, 2008

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 12**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$80,000 from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, Austin, TX; and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund Ordinance No. 20070910-003 to appropriate \$80,000 for the prevention and reduction of diabetes and to transfer one full-time equivalent position from the Steps to a Healthier Austin grant program to the diabetes grant program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$80,000 is available from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES. The grant period is from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Shannon Jones, Acting Director, 972-5410; Rick Schwertfeger, M.A.T., Program Manager, 972-6760; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

Prior Council Action: Approval of Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget on September 10, 2007 and Ordinance No. 20070927-010.

The Texas Department of State Health Services allocates funds to the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department for the provision of a diabetes education program for the prevention and reduction of diabetes.

The Health and Human Services Department requested and was granted \$80,000 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 by the granting agency. A Program Coordinator position will be transferred from the Steps to a Healthier Austin grant program to the diabetes program. All performance measures shall remain the same.

The funding addresses the Department's Strategic Plan and goals by protecting, preventing, and monitoring the community for preventable diseases by focusing on high-risk populations.

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.