

AGENDA



Thursday, December 11, 2008

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 31

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$32,425 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services, HIV/STD Epidemiology and Surveillance Branch, Bureau of HIV and STD Prevention; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$32,425 to conduct active surveillance and reporting of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome and sexually transmitted disease cases in Travis County.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$32,425 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, HIV/STD Epidemiology and Surveillance Branch, Bureau of HIV and STD Prevention. The grant period is January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. No City match is required

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached

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Prior Council Action: Approved Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget, September 8, 2008.

The Texas Department of State Health Services allocates federal pass-through funds for the active surveillance and reporting of HIV/AIDS and STD cases throughout Travis County. As the local health agency for the area, the Health and Human Services Department is receiving \$178,425 in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for this program.

The grant program addresses the Health and Human Services Department's mission to work in a partnership with the community to promote health, safety, and wellbeing while supporting the department's goal to promote a healthy community by preventing chronic and communicable diseases and promoting improvements in social/economic/environmental factors that will result in an improved overall health status and a reduction of health disparities. The \$32,425 in additional funds will help support staff payroll and local mileage reimbursements and will not directly affect performance levels.

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.