

AGENDA



Thursday, December 18, 2008

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 26**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$35,000 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Cardiovascular Health and Wellness Program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$35,000 to create a Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention in Employees through Value-Based Benefit Design Demonstration Project.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$35,000 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Cardiovascular Health and Wellness Program. The grant period is November 1, 2008 through June 29, 2009.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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The Texas Department of State Health Services is allocating funds for the implementation of a Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention in Employees through Value-Based Benefit Design Demonstration Project. This project will consist of local/private business health collaboratives working to improve employee health, particularly to prevent heart disease and stroke through reducing or controlling high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, and diabetes and through tobacco use cessation. The demonstration project will bring together organizations, agencies, and businesses that share the vision of a healthier, more physically active community and leverage these resources into a larger, more visible, community-wide effort.

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 Department Goal:**

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.

Outputs/Outcomes:

Identify and recruit five (5) large employers (5,000+ employees) from the public and private sectors to participate in the business health collaborative.