

AGENDA



Thursday, January 15, 2009

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 23**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$7,259 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Division for Prevention and Preparedness, HIV/STD; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$7,259 for the Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Program that provides clinical and preventive services to the community to reduce sexually transmitted diseases.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$7,259 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Division For Prevention And Preparedness, HIV/STD Program. 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 (TDSHS) allocates federal pass-through funds for the STD Control Grant to assist the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) in providing clinical and preventive services to the community in order to reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Program objectives focus on the reduction and elimination of syphilis and the prevention and reduction of immunodeficiency virus (HIV), gonorrhea, Chlamydia and other STDs within Travis County. As the local health agency for the area, the Health and Human Services Department is receiving \$258,259 in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for this program.

Prevention and control of STDs is accomplished through collaborative efforts with other health department programs and successful community partnerships. Program objectives are accomplished, in part, through services provided at the STD clinic located at 15 Waller Street in the RBJ Health Center. Patients are tested, diagnosed and treated for STDs at the STD clinic. HHSD also tests for disease in outreach settings such as bathhouses, bars and adult and youth Travis County detention facilities, as well as specific locations in targeted areas of Austin where high-risk target populations are found. The \$7,259 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.