

# AGENDA



Thursday, February 26, 2009

## Health and Human Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 18

**Subject:** Approve an ordinance accepting \$50,000 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Community Diabetes Projects-Texas Diabetes 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 \$50,000 for the Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Unit.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The grant period is from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009. A City match is not required.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** David Lurie, Director, 972-5010; Rick Schwertfeger, M.A.T., Program Manager, 972-6760; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

**Prior Council Action:** Council approved the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget on September 8, 2008.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) allocates funds to the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) for the provision of a diabetes education program to reduce incidences of diabetes.

DSHS awarded HHSD an additional \$50,000 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for nutritional and physical activity interventions that will complement the diabetes program. This funding will provide \$30,000 for the University of Texas School of Public Health-Austin (UTSPH-Austin); an additional \$11,090 for the Sustainable Food Center; and \$8,010 for the HHSD. New partner UTSPH-Austin will implement an assessment of the Mueller Redevelopment Master Plan's alignment with public health practice for increasing physical activity and provide recommendations. Current partner Sustainable Food Center will supplement its current activities with the Community Diabetes Project by implementing additional nutrition education programs. With the remaining funds, HHSD will cover personnel costs for 15% of a Program Coordinator's time required to coordinate the activities connected to the Mueller Healthy Communities Initiative.

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.

### HHSD Related Departmental Goal

Promote a healthy community by preventing chronic and communicable diseases and promote improvements in social/economic/environmental factors that will result in an improved overall health status and a reduction of health disparities.

### Outputs/Outcomes

The original performance measures for this grant remain the same with two exceptions. The services delivered by the Sustainable Food Center will be increased.

The Sustainable Food Center will conduct an additional six Community Cooking Classes, thereby increasing the number of classes delivered from 36 to 42. The classes will directly benefit an additional 15 nutritionally at risk participants for a total of 105 participants served.

A Mueller Healthy Community Plan will be developed. This plan will provide residents of Mueller and surrounding neighborhoods with nutrition and physical activity recommendations.