

## AGENDA



Thursday, March 5, 2009

**Health and Human Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 7**

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**Subject:** Approve an ordinance accepting \$14,420 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$14,420 for the Ryan White Part A Minority AIDS Initiative grant program.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$14,420 is available from the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration. The grant period is from August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009. No City match is required.

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

**For More Information:** Vince Cobalis, Assistant Director for Human Services, 972-5011, Mark Peppler, HIV Resources Administration Manager, 972-5081, Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

**Prior Council Action:** Council approved Ordinance accepting an additional \$12,038 in grant funds, September 25, 2008.

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The City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) submitted a carryover request on October 29, 2008, to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the Ryan White Part A Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) grant program to carry over unobligated funds from FY07 into the current grant budget period.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services approved our request to carryforward the \$14,420 unobligated funds from Fiscal Year 2007 on December 3, 2008, by amending the current Notice of Grant Award (NGA).

The purpose of the Ryan White Part A MAI grant program is to improve human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) related health outcomes by reducing existing racial and ethnic health disparities by facilitating access to community-based HIV and acquired immune deficiency syndrome care services. The carryover funds will be used to supplement an HIV counseling and rapid testing program which is being piloted in collaboration with Wright House Wellness Center, an existing MAI funded HIV outreach program. The goal is to increase HIV testing among individuals at high risk of HIV who are identified through outreach program activities. Through immediate HIV rapid testing, individuals testing positive for HIV can be immediately linked directly to primary medical care for follow-up.

A summary of MAI grant funding by agency and program service area, and performance measures related to the carryover funds are shown in Attachment A.