

AGENDA



Thursday, May 21, 2009

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 16**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$74,995 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, HIV/STD PREVENTION AND CARE BRANCH; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$74,995 to purchase a van for human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome testing and education outreach services.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch. 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: Approval of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget, September 8, 2008.

The purpose of the HIV Prevention and/or Prevention Services for HIV-Infected Persons Project is to provide counseling, testing and education to the community in order to help reduce the spread of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS), increase the number of persons who know their HIV status and reduce associated morbidity and mortality among HIV-infected persons and their partners. The Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) allocates federal pass-through funds for the prevention of HIV and AIDS cases throughout Travis County.

The City Council authorized award and execution a contract with Freightliner of Austin on December 18, 2008, for the manufacture, retrofitting and purchase of an outreach vehicle to enhance the City's ability to reach high-risk population groups for HIV/AIDS testing and disease prevention counseling. The expectation was that the van would be delivered before closeout of the 2008 HIV Prevention Grant. However, due to staff miscommunication, the customized van will not be delivered until late June or early July 2009. Therefore, TDSHS has approved the transfer of the funds into the 2009 grant term, January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 to purchase the van.

Statement required by the Corporate Budget Office: 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.

There is no anticipated change in performance due to the additional grant funding.