Thursday, June 11, 2009

Health and Human Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 19

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$14,507 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, INFECTIOUS DISEASE INTERVENTION AND CONTROL BRANCH; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$14,507 for the Refugee Health Screening Program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Infectious Disease Intervention and Control Branch. The grant period is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Prior Council Action: Approved Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget, September 8, 2009.

Since 1995, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has allocated federal funds to the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) for comprehensive health screening services to newly arriving official refugees.

HHSD has been granted an additional \$14,507 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 by the granting agency due to anticipated increase in refugees being assigned to the Austin area during the current grant period ending on September 30, 2009. The additional funding will assist with the increase in telephone translation and laboratory services needed.

There is no anticipated increase in performance related to the additional funding.

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.