

AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 39**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$62,268 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS SECTION; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance 20080908-002 to appropriate \$62,268 for the Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Unit to implement a public health preparedness gap project.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Community Preparedness Section. The grant period is from June 1, 2009 to November 30, 2009. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: David Lurie, Director, 972-5410; Janet Pichette, Unit Manager, Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Unit, 972-5486; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

The Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) has been awarded discretionary grant funds to support of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Budget Period 9 Goals, which address identified gaps in or enhance local and regional preparedness, and planning and response efforts. While improving all-hazards planning efforts, this project proposes to address several identified gaps within the HHSD's public health and medical response capabilities for all emergencies with public health consequences and will improve local and regional response operations by focusing on resource gaps identified in the area of epidemiology and disease surveillance, emergency public information and warning, mass fatality response, medical surge, and mass care.

Statement Required by Corporate Budget: 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.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Related Goal: Maintain public health and human services emergency preparedness capacity in coordination with other City departments and community partners that allocates existing and emergency resources in a flexible and responsive manner to address public health risks and human services needs in an emergency.

Outputs/Outcomes

The additional grant funds will be used to purchase computer equipment and software, acquire an AmbuBus retrofit kit, and for travel and training funds for staff. There are no anticipated changes in performance measures based on the additional funding.