

AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 41**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$539,739 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 of No. Ordinance 20080908-002 to appropriate \$539,739 for the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant Program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration. The grant period is from March 1, 2009 to February 28, 2010. 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: Approved Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget, September 10, 2008.

On March 7, 2009, the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) received a partial Ryan White Part A Notice of Grant Award (NGA) in the amount of \$1,434,310 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the Ryan White Part A Emergency Relief Project Grant. This partial grant award was due to the restrictions imposed by the Continuing Resolution for fiscal year 2009. On April 17, 2009, HHSD received the final FY 2009 NGA in the amount of \$2,644,429 for a total award of \$4,078,739. This amount was a \$540,549 increase over HHSD's previous year's award and a \$539,739 increase over the 2008-2009 approved grant appropriation.

The Ryan White Part A program goal is to improve health outcomes for individuals living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) by ensuring access to and maintenance of HIV primary medical care. Additionally, supportive services such as case management, food bank and transportation are funded to facilitate an individual's entry and retention in the system of HIV care. Services are provided throughout a five-county service delivery area, which includes Travis, Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays and Williamson counties also known as the Austin Transitional Grant Area.

The Austin Area HIV Planning Council is responsible for prioritizing services and allocating Ryan White Part A funds based on the Ryan White Part A Program's annual planning process. Services to be funded in fiscal year 2009-2010 are listed on Attachment A.