

AGENDA



Thursday, August 6, 2009

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 13**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$50,000 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$50,000 for the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention in Employees Through Value-Based Benefit Design Demonstration Project.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Cardiovascular Health and Wellness Program. The grant period is June 30, 2009 through June 29, 2010.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Prior Council Action: Council approved acceptance of initial grant funds, December 18, 2008.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is allocating funds for the continuation of the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention in Employees Through Value-Based Benefit Design (VBBD) Demonstration Project. Funding for the original grant created a team that is working to recruit local employers to participate in the demonstration project over the next two years. Collaborations with the Mayor's Fitness Council's Partner Certification Program and the City's Human Resources Department have enabled the team to make recruitment presentations at three local workshops and meetings.

Contacts with interested employers will be pursued in order to form a local public/private business health collaboration to work to improve employee health, particularly to prevent heart disease and stroke through reducing or controlling high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, diabetes, and through tobacco use cessation. De-identified aggregate baseline data from employers will be collected, analyzed, reported and maintained in order to enable the employers to better understand what modifications to make in their wellness and health benefits packages.

The demonstration project is bringing together organizations, agencies, and businesses that share the vision of a healthier, more physically active community, and leveraging these resources into a larger, more visible community-wide effort. The goal is to expand the collaboration beyond the initial five members in the future.

Statement required by 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.

PERFORMANCE

Related Department Goal -- Promote a healthy community by preventing chronic and communicable diseases and promoting improvements in social, economic, and environmental factors that will result in an improved overall health status and a reduction of health disparities.

Outputs/Outcomes

- Recruit and maintain a minimum of five (5) employers from the public and private sectors to participate in the collaboration during the term of the grant.
- Provide monthly technical assistance or consultative contacts with each of the five employers.
- Conduct four trainings for the employers on worksite wellness and VBBD strategies during the term of the grant.
- Hold a minimum of six (6) meetings with members of the local public/private collaboration during the term of the grant.