

AGENDA



Thursday, August 27, 2009

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 15**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$54,746 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, DIVISION FOR PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS, HIV/STD PROGRAM, and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$54,746 for the Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Program to provide clinical and preventive services to the community to reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Division for Prevention and Preparedness, HIV/STD Program. 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: January 15, 2009 - Council approved budget amendment adding \$7,529 to grant.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) allocates federal pass-through funds for the Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Grant to assist the City's Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) in providing clinical and preventive services to the community in order to reduce the incidence of STDs. Program objectives focus on the reduction/elimination of syphilis and the prevention and reduction of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), gonorrhea, Chlamydia and other STDs within Travis County. The total grant amount received for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$313,005.

Prevention and control of STDs is accomplished through collaborative efforts with other health department programs and successful community partnerships. Program objectives are accomplished, in part, through services provided at the STD clinic located at 15 Waller Street in the RBJ Health Center. Patients are tested, diagnosed and treated for STDs. HHSD also tests for disease in outreach settings such as bathhouses, bars and adult and youth Travis County detention facilities, as well as specific locations in targeted areas of Austin where high-risk target populations are found. The \$54,746 in additional funds will help provide additional test kits, equipment for testing, supplies, training and travel for staff, and a social marketing campaign that will target African American females and men having sex with men, two of the highest risk groups who are experiencing increased morbidity of STDs and HIV. There is no anticipated increase in performance due to receipt of the additional funds.

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.