

AGENDA



Thursday, October 1, 2009

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

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN for a Ryan White Act comprehensive HIV needs assessment for a 10-month period beginning October 1, 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$51,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund, Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project grant program. Funding for the remaining balance is contingent upon future grant funds availability. The agreement period is October 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010. The grant period is March 1, 2009 to February 28, 2010.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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: Council approved the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget, September 8, 2008.

The Interlocal Agreement is for a 2010-2013 Comprehensive HIV Needs Assessment for the Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council (HIV Planning Council) for 2010-2013, as required by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act Part A grant program.

The City's Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) has received \$4,078,739 in funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration for the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project grant program. The grant provides for HIV-related services in the Austin Transitional Grant Area (TGA) which includes Travis, Bastrop, Williamson, Hays, and Caldwell counties. The HIV program goal is to improve access to a comprehensive continuum of high quality, community-based, HIV-related outpatient health care and support social services for individuals with HIV and their families.

The HIV Planning Council is required by the grant to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment in order to identify the needs of clients in the Austin TGA and develop a written Comprehensive Plan that will address those needs. HHSD is negotiating with The University of Texas at Austin to conduct the assessment. Service priorities and allocations are established by the HIV Planning Council using the information provided in the comprehensive HIV needs assessment. The needs assessment will be conducted in collaboration with HIV Planning Council and HHSD. This is the fifth comprehensive needs assessment for the Austin TGA. Previous needs assessments were completed in 1996, 1999, 2002, and 2005.

No City Business Plan performance measures are affected by this action, but it is a grant requirement. Approval of this agreement will enable the HIV Planning Council to fulfill its federal grant-mandated responsibility to determine the size and demographics of the population of individuals with HIV, determine the needs of such populations, and develop a plan designed to meet those needs.

The following activities and reports will be provided as a result of this agreement:

Comprehensive needs assessment of the catchment area serviced by the HIV Planning Council, including all five TGA counties (Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis & Williamson);

Wide-ranging analysis of the service delivery systems that are relevant to the HIV Planning Council and related to Ryan White Part A grant program;

HIV Services plan; and

Ongoing technical assistance and data analysis.

The planning and data collection activities of this project, which are more time and labor intensive, will be expensed to the current grant period. The data analysis and reporting will be completed during the subsequent grant period.