

## AGENDA



Thursday, October 22, 2009

**Health and Human Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 18**

**Subject:** Approve an ordinance accepting \$1,220,000 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS), COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS SECTION, and amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20090914-002 to appropriate \$1,220,000 for the purpose of preparing for an influenza pandemic.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Community Preparedness Section. The grant period is from September 15, 2009 through July 31, 2010. No City match is required

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** David Lurie, Director, 972-5010; Philip Huang M.D., Medical Director, 972-5408; Janet Pichette, Manager, Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Unit, 972-5486; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

Congress recently appropriated funding for the "Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund" for state and local public health departments to prepare and respond to an influenza pandemic. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has administered these funds to local health departments to bolster the nation's preparedness and response capabilities in response to the novel H1N1 influenza pandemic. The Phase 3 funding allocation will address gaps in capabilities for mass vaccination implementation and support activities related to the implementation of a mass vaccination campaign. Funding provides for temporary employees, office lease space, associated training, and office equipment for the proposed temporary employees, and the ability to purchase medical supplies for mass vaccination efforts, and social marketing and associated materials for outreach activities.

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 Goals – Maintain a 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.

**Outcomes/Outputs**

The additional grant funding will impact the following performance measures:

Number of immunizations given at Shots for Tots will increase from 48,000 to 53,000 immunizations.

Number of cases investigated by the Disease Surveillance will increase from 1100 to 1600 cases.

Number of volunteers trained to respond in a bioterrorism event from 35 to 50.

Number of emergency bioterrorism drills conducted will increase from 10 to 12.

HHSD staff (current and new) trained on COA Public Health Preparedness Medication Distribution Plan from 35 to 100.