

AGENDA



Thursday, December 10, 2009

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

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$56,838 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, INFECTIOUS DISEASE INTERVENTION AND CONTROL BRANCH, and amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20090914-002 to appropriate \$56,838 for the Tuberculosis Control and Outreach Program to provide basic services to individuals who have or are at high risk of developing tuberculosis.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Infectious Disease Intervention and Control Branch, Austin, Texas. The grant period is January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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The purpose of the Tuberculosis Prevention Control and Outreach Program is to provide clinical and outreach intervention services to the community in order to reduce the incidence of disease. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) allocates federal funds for the development and provision of basic services for tuberculosis (TB) prevention, control and outreach services in Travis County to individuals of identified subgroups who have TB or who are at high risk of developing TB throughout Travis County. The grant funds four Public Health Specialists who provide directly observed therapy (DOT) for TB patients and suspects. DOT is direct observation of the patient taking the medication to ensure that the medication is taken. The Public Health Specialists also provide directly observed preventive therapy (DOPT) for high-risk patients, including household contacts to active cases, children under the age of five years, psychotic or suicidal patients, and some HIV patients. The additional funds will help pay the costs for this grant and decrease the amount of support from the general fund to fully fund the program.

Because there are no changes in services, there is no anticipated change to performance measures.

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.