Thursday, March 25, 2010

Health and Human Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 25

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (Capital Metro) for tobacco prevention and control-related activities for a term ending August 31, 2010, in the amount of \$24,100.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund, Tobacco Prevention and Control grant. The grant period is September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010.

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

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The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has allocated funds to the City Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) to develop a community coalition that will implement a comprehensive tobacco prevention and control program. The goals of the Austin Tobacco Prevention and Control Coalition (ATPCC) are to prevent youth tobacco use, increase cessation among youth and adults, eliminate secondhand smoke exposure, ensure compliance with state and local tobacco use laws and reduce health disparities. A primary strategy to reach these goals is the implementation of tobacco-free campus policies at worksites throughout Austin and Travis County. Tobacco-free workplace policies protect all employees, visitors and clients from secondhand smoke, offer current tobacco users resources and incentives to help them quit, and contribute to a cleaner and safer workplace environment.

In 2009, Capital Metro passed a comprehensive tobacco-free worksite policy to begin on April 1, 2010. The primary goal of the interlocal agreement is to supplement funding to assist Capital Metro in implementing tobacco prevention and control-related activities.

PERFORMANCE

Related Goal: Promote a healthy community by preventing chronic and communicable diseases and promoting improvements in social/economic/environmental factors that will result in an improved overall health status and a reduction of health disparities via implementation and communication of tobacco prevention and control-related activities.

Outputs/Outcomes

- Reduce secondhand smoke exposure in the workplace for 1,300 employees
- Implement one environmental, regulatory or legal strategy
- Conduct one Work Site Cessation Services Consultation