

AGENDA



Thursday, December 9, 2010

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 19**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$10,286 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, INFECTIOUS DISEASE INTERVENTION AND CONTROL BRANCH, and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20100913-002 by appropriating \$10,286 for the Tuberculosis Control and Outreach Program to cover payroll expenses.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Infectious Disease Intervention and Control Branch, Austin, Texas. The grant period is January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note: A Fiscal Note is attached.

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Prior Council Action: Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20100913-002 approved on September 13, 2010.

The purpose of the Tuberculosis 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 (TDSHS) allocates federal funds for the development and provision of basic services for tuberculosis (TB) prevention, control and outreach services to individuals of identified sub-groups who have TB or who are at high risk of developing TB throughout Travis County. The grant partially funds four Public Health Program Specialists (PHPS) who provide directly observed therapy (DOT) for TB patients and those suspected of having TB. DOT is direct observation of the patient taking the medication to ensure that the medication is taken. The PHPS's 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 program costs associated with this grant which has been insufficiently funded over the past several years and has required financial General Fund support in order to fully fund the program.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.