

## AGENDA



Thursday, February 10, 2011

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

**Subject:** Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$70,000 in grant funds from the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS, Washington D.C., and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20100913-002 by appropriating \$70,000 to fund the Central Texas Environmental Public Health Indicators Tracking Tool project.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$70,000 is available from the National Association of County and City Health Officials. The grant period is December 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011. No City match is required.

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

**For More Information:** David Lurie, Director, City of Austin Human Services Department, 972-5010; Shannon Jones, Public Health Assistant Director, 972-5410; Charles Kemp, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

**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.

Recognizing that climate change policies will benefit from assessment of their public health co-benefits and co-harms, particularly related to vulnerable populations, this grant builds on two previous grants, one from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and one from the National Association of County and City Health Officials. The prior grants helped develop the Central Texas Environmental Public Health Indicators Tracking Tool (EPHI Tracking Tool). The first phase of the EPHI Tracking Tool project established a baseline for assessment of community health vulnerability to climate change. This new grant will fund the next phase of tool development: building the breadth and depth to its database in preparation for a pilot for policy assessment and community engagement purposes. The general fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

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:**

Related Department Goal: This project will support the Health and Human Services Department's mission to work in a partnership with the community to promote health, safety, and well being.

**Outputs/Outcomes**

Upload 3 sets of health data to the EPHI Tracking Tool: hospital discharge data, local EMS data, and hurricane evacuee migration patterns.

Upload 2 sets of environmental data to the EPHI Tracking Tool: air quality and hurricane evacuations. Develop and upload 2 vulnerability maps to the EPHI Tracking Tool: vulnerability to air pollution, and vulnerable hurricane evacuee populations.

Establish a location for the EPHI Tracking Tool data on the City of Austin's public server.