

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 10749 Agenda Number 16.

Meeting Date: 12/8/2011 Department: Health and Human Services

Subject

Approve an ordinance accepting grant funds in the amount of \$1,026,158 from the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act 2010, Public Prevention Health Fund: Community Transformation Grant Year 1, and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) to appropriate \$1,026,158 for the first year of a 5-year grant period beginning October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2016, with a total grant amount of \$5,130,790 to implement evidence-based policy, systems, environmental, programmatic and infrastructure changes that address tobacco-free living, active living and healthy eating, increased use of high impact quality clinical preventive services, social and emotional wellness, and healthy and safe physical environments.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for federal funds from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act 2010, Public Prevention Health Fund: Community Transformation grant. The Year 1 grant period is October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. No city match is required.

Fiscal Note	
A fiscal note is attached.	
Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Related Items:	
Additional Backup Information	

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is allocating federal funds to the City's Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act 2010, Public Prevention Health Fund: Community Transformation Grant (CTG). The City has been awarded \$1,026,158 for the Year 1 budget of a 5-year grant program. Funding for Years 2-5 is dependent on the federal budget continuing the prevention-funding program of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the annual budget submitted by HHSD.

HHSD will utilize the funds to implement the grantor-required strategies to create healthier communities by supporting implementation of interventions in five strategic areas:

- Tobacco-free living
- Active living and healthy eating
- High impact evidence-based clinical and other preventive services
- Social and emotional wellness
- Healthy and safe physical environment

The approved Community Transformation Implementation Plan (CTIP) addresses the needs of Austin/Travis County with special focus on the populations that experience health disparities. The plan is categorized across multiple sectors addressing where people work, play, learn, live and access social services. These categories are community, school, worksite, healthcare, media and disparities.

Using smart objectives with detailed milestones, measurable outcomes for the Austin/Travis County grant jurisdiction over the 5-year total grant term, attention is directed to achieving health equity, eliminating health disparities and improving the health of all groups. Collaborations and selected grant subrecipients will be used to reach all populations in Austin/Travis County to meet the long-term objectives established by the CDC:

- (1) Reduce death and disability due to tobacco use by 5 percent
- (2) Reduce the rate of obesity through nutrition and physical activity interventions by 5 percent
- (3) Reduce death and disability due to heart disease and stroke by 5 percent

PERFORMANCE

HHSD Related Department Goal: Promote a healthy community by preventing chronic and communicable diseases and promoting improvement in social/economic/environmental factors that will result in an improved overall health status and a reduction of health disparities.

Goal statements and associated milestones are still being negotiated; however, a sampling of activities to be included and measured by September 2016 to develop and implement policy, systems, environment or infrastructure changes in Austin/Travis County that:

- will be written into the 30-year comprehensive "Imagine Austin" Plan to achieve a "Healthy City Code"
- promote protection from secondhand smoke and social norm change including but not limited to
 - Outdoor public places
 - Multifamily housing
 - Commercial and governmental worksites
 - College, university, technical and trade school educational environments
- promote breastfeeding, increase the number of neighborhoods in Austin/Travis County with access to a
 grocery store or market selling high-quality, fresh fruits and vegetables; promote urban farms, community
 gardens, farmers' markets, and/or farm-to-sale programs in Austin/Travis County; promote the availability of
 healthy foods sold/used by mobile vending units, worksites, healthcare facilities, and other organizations that
 adopt healthy vending policies
- promote pedestrian/bicyclist and recreation infrastructure provisions, and including but not limited to safety and amenities of existing parks, trails, playgrounds, bike baths, or recreation centers
- develop and implement clinical systems, policy and environmental strategies that promote high impact quality clinical preventive services

- develop and implement strategies to improve self-management of chronic diseases and to prevent diabetes
- develop and implement media campaign to promote healthy eating and physical activity and protection from secondhand smoke

An evaluation method approved by CDC is being designed for each set of strategy activities for reporting to the grantor, HHSD leadership, and other stakeholders and policy makers.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact of the City.

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