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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	10850	Agenda Number	17.
Meeting Date:	12/8/2011		Department:	Health and Human Services	
Subject					
Approve an ordinance accepting grant funds in the amount of \$100,500 from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, HIV/STD PREVENTION AND CARE BRANCH and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) to appropriate \$100,500 for the HIV Prevention Program to provide rapid HIV testing kits to test individuals who are at high risk of acquiring HIV/STDs.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$100,500 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services, HIV/STD Prevention and Care Branch. The grant period is January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. No City match is required.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is attached.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:					
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Boards and Commission Action:					
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Related Items:					

Additional Backup Information

The Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) is allocating funds to the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) for the continuation of the HIV Prevention Project to provide counseling, testing and education to the community in order to help reduce the spread of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). TDSHS allocates federal pass-through funds for the prevention of HIV and AIDS cases throughout Travis County.

The purposes of this grant program are to prevent the transmission of HIV, reduce the number of new HIV infections, increase the number of persons who know their HIV status, and reduce associated morbidity and mortality among HIV-infected persons and their partners by encouraging referrals to medical, social, and prevention services. These goals are accomplished by counseling, testing, education outreach, prevention case management with high-risk individuals and through the use of EBI's (evidence-based interventions).

TDSHS is awarding HHSD an additional \$100,500 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, bringing the grant total to \$782,303. In previous years the TDSHS has provided funding for HIV rapid testing kits through our STD Control grant. In FY12, TDSHS is funding the test kits through the HIV Prevention Grant rather than the STD Control grant.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to the funding of this grant. When the grant funds expire, HHSD's need for the position will be evaluated and the position may be eliminated.

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

Performance Measures will not be affected.