

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 17435 Agenda Number 13.

Meeting Date: 8/23/2012 Department: Health and Human Services

Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$84,846 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT, and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) to appropriate \$84,846 for the delivery of basic needs, case management, employment support and preventive health services to low-income residents.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Community Services Block Grant. 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:	Amended Fiscal Year Budget April 26, 2012. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget, September 12, 2011.
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Additional Backup Information

The City of Austin receives an annual formula-based Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The CSBG grant provides administrative support to a network of local Community Action Agencies that provide services to low-income residents. The City of Austin is considered the "Community Action Agency" for Travis County. The grant program provides funding for the delivery of basic needs, case management, preventive health and employment support services to low-income residents through the City's six (6) neighborhood centers and three (3) field offices.

On July 2, 2012, the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) received notice from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) that they were increasing their contract by \$84,846. The additional grant funds bring the total grant award amount to \$1,075,011.

The additional grant funds are a result of TDHCA reallocating funds to their current grantees to expend in the 2012 grant year. The additional funds will be used for personnel, equipment and supplies.
No performance measure increase is expected in the basic needs, case management, employment support and preventive health activities.
The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.