

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	20671	Agenda Number	14.
Meeting Date:	12/13/2012		Department:	Health and Human Services
Subject				
<p>Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$70,517 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, and amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Health and Human Services Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) to appropriate \$70,517 and an additional one FTE for programs authorized under the Texas Health and Safety Code: HIV Surveillance Control Program, Sexually Transmitted Disease Control, Refugee Health Screening Program, Tuberculosis (TB) Prevention and Control Federal Program, TB Prevention and Control State Program, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program, Immunization Program, Office of Public Health Practice programs, and Influenza Incidence Surveillance project.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$70,517 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The grant period is September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>A fiscal note is attached.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	On August 23, 2012, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget.			
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Boards and Commission Action:				
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Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

This amendment is to include the Influenza Incidence Surveillance Project and STD Pilot Program DIS Linkage to Care grants to the previously approved bundled DSHS contract. The Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) awarded the City of Austin Health and Human Services (HHSD) \$3,896,329 for ten separate programs for the grant period September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. These programs include: HIV Surveillance, Immunization Outreach, Office of Public Health Practice, PHEP, Bioterrorism, Refugee Health Screening, STD Control, TB Control and Outreach, TB Elimination, and Influenza Incidence Surveillance.

TDSHS consolidated the programs into one contract amending several contracts to end August 31, 2012. TDSHS awarded HHSD a total of \$5,578,169 for the ten programs in the Budget Fiscal Year 2011-12.

The current amended award includes \$70,517 for the Influenza Surveillance Project and the STD Pilot Program DIS Linkage to Care. The grant appropriation in Fiscal Year 2011-12 Amended Budget was \$5,578,169. The requested increase represents the difference between the amended grant appropriation of \$5,578,169 and the total grant award amount of \$5,648,686. This additional funding allows HHSD to provide the following services:

1. Influenza Incidence Surveillance Project (\$20,000) is an enhancement of current influenza surveillance activities within the community. The project will collect and submit to the Department of State Health Services weekly reports on information about patient visits, specimens from patients seen with influenza-like illness and submitting flu specimens along with clinical information to the DSHS laboratory.
2. The STD/HIV programs (\$50,517) provide clinical and preventative services to the community to reduce the incidence of STDs and address the Department goal to promote a healthy community by preventing chronic and communicable diseases and promoting improvements in social/economic/environmental factors that will result in an improved overall health status and a reduction of health disparities. The new Disease Intervention Specialist Linkage to Care employee will use state and local surveillance data to identify HIV+ individuals who have never engaged in medical care or who have been out of care for over one year and will link these out of care HIV+ individuals to appropriate medical care and other services as needed. The STD/HIV Program is a core activity.

This amendment will not affect performance measures.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant or to the funding of these positions. When the grant funds expire, the Health and Human Services Department's need for the position will be evaluated and the position may be eliminated.