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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	22254	Agenda Number	15.
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Meeting Date:	3/21/2013	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$37,596 in grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES, and amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) to appropriate \$37,596 for programs authorized under the Texas Health and Safety Code: Office of Public Health Practice Program, 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 and Influenza Incidence Surveillance project.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$37,596 is available from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The grant period is from September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On December 13, 2012, Council approved an ordinance accepting \$70,517 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services and an additional FTE for programs authorized under the Texas Health and Safety Code – STD Control Program.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

On February 1, 2013 the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) received a notice from the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) of the intent to restore Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant funding to the existing 2013 Office of Public Health Practice - RLSS/LPHS contract in an amount up to the 19% reduction previously applied to the contract at the beginning of the 2013 grant period. On February 4, 2013, the Department was notified funding in the amount of \$37,596 was available as the amount to be restored.

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

The current amended award includes \$37,596 for the Office of Public Health Practice Program. The grant appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 amended budget was \$5,648,686. The requested increase represents the difference between the amended grant appropriation of \$5,648,686 and the total grant award amount of \$5,686,282.

The supplemental grant funding application was submitted to the grantor on February 22, 2013 with the proposal to expend the funds in the 2013 grant year.

The RLSS/LPHS grant provides funding for two full time staff positions; a Registered Nurse Senior located at the Rosewood-Zaragosa Neighborhood Center and Program Supervisor located at the St. John Community Center who oversees the delivery of preventive health services. The provision of services include informing, educating and empowering the community with respect to health issues and linking individuals who have a need for community personal health services to the appropriate community and/or private providers. Targeted service areas are the St. John, Central East Austin and South/Southeast Austin neighborhoods.

This amendment will not affect performance measures.

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