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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council

Item ID

26284

Agenda Number

30.

Meeting Date:

8/29/2013

Department:

Health and Human Services

Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$2,186 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) to appropriate \$2,186 for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS services program that provides rental, mortgage, utility and supportive services to people with the human immunodeficiency virus.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$2,186 is available from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program. The grant period is from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2015. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

Adoption of the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

For More Information:

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Boards and Commission Action:

Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council reviewed HOPWA funding to be used for purchase of these services.

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant funds in the amount of \$1,103,186 for HIV-related housing services to be provided in the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA). The EMSA includes Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, and Caldwell counties. Services under the HOPWA grant include short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance; tenant-based rental assistance, housing placement, and residential housing supportive services for HIV positive clients living in a qualified residential setting. Our annual grant award is formula driven and is a function of the

total amount of HOPWA housing funds appropriated by the U.S. Congress and the reported number of AIDS cases. HUD/HOPWA grant funds may be expended over three (3) years from the date of the annual grant award.

While the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office is the single point of contact with HUD, the City designates the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department as the program administrator for the HOPWA program. As part of the HUD required citizen participation plan, input from the community was received which resulted in continued support of both the Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance and Residential Supportive Services programs.

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

The approved Fiscal Year 2012-2013 City of Austin Annual Plan includes HOPWA funding as follows:

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| Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance | \$ 766,445 |
| Residential Supportive Services | \$ 303,734 |
| Administration | <u>\$ 33,007</u> |
| | \$1,103,186 |

ATTACHMENT A

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

HHSD Related Departmental Goal:

Promotion/Prevention/Protection: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

OUTPUT MEASURE:

Approximately, 377 unduplicated eligible households will receive rent, mortgage, and/or utility assistance in varying amounts depending on demonstrated need. One unit=One dollar of Rent, Mortgage, Utility assistance plus a 7% transaction fee.

Approximately, 49 unduplicated eligible households will receive residential housing and support services. One unit=One day of residential housing and support services including meals, transportation, life skills training, counseling and assistance in locating long-term housing.

OUTCOME MEASURES:

Maintain the percentage of homeless persons who receive case management that move into safe and stable housing at a minimum level of 60%